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Have your say on... another plan

RESIDENTS in Honiton and Ottery are being encouraged to have their say on the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP), as the consultation is set to end next week.

East Devon District Council is set to work jointly with Teignbridge, Mid Devon and Exeter City planning authorities, as well as Devon County Council, on GESP policy, which will set out a framework for the Greater Exeter area up until 2040.

A consultation is being held until April 10th. The councils want to hear from residents, developers, landowners and other interested organisations about the main issues facing the area, with responses forming part of the first phase of the plan preparation process.

The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan is considered controversial by some, due to the fact that it would supersede the district level local plan and community neighbourhood plans.

There are those that see the GESP as a way to co-ordinate the development and investment in the area, but some see it as a way for Exeter to dump their housing allocation on East Devon.

GESP is supposed to help meet the area's housing needs in the right locations; secure economic growth and increase prosperity; provide transport and infrastructure improvements; safeguard and enhance the environmental assets of the area.

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East Devon District Leader Councillor Paul Diviani has confirmed that if housing allocation can't be given in Exeter, then the partnership will look at distributing the houses elsewhere in the area.

Cllr Diviani said: "GESP is not just about accommodating the growth of Exeter it is about meeting the needs of the whole area.

"These needs include the demand in East Devon for more homes and jobs in the future, and the schools, health care and other infrastructure that is also required.

"How we do this, while ensuring that we protect everything which makes East Devon such an exceptional place to live, is a massive challenge and one that we must face together with our neighbouring authorities.

"By working together, we can plan for growth in a co-ordinated way and ensure that it is provided in the most appropriate locations.

"Where growth can be relevantly accommodated in Exeter, then clearly it should be. Where this is not possible, then we need to consider how it can best be included without harming the special character of our existing towns and villages or our most valuable landscapes and countryside.

"The current consultation on the GESP highlights the key issues we think we will need to consider to achieve this, but we want to hear whether people agree with the issues we have identified and our proposed vision, so please view the consultation at www.gesp.org.uk and let us have your thoughts by April 10th."

The GESP is one of several connected plans in the area, that will all still fall under the guise of the Heart of the South West Local Area Partnership.

● THE Greater Exeter Strategic plan will cover the area governed by Teignbridge, Mid Devon and East Devon District Councils, as well as Exeter; West Devon and North Devon is not included.

■ SUPPORTERS of Honiton Hospital were out in force over the weekend when they held a demonstration outside the hospital, which will see its inpatient beds removed. Residents young and old dressed in red from head to toe, carrying banners as they marched from the town to the hospital. One young demonstrator, *above*, held a banner aloft which read: "Leave our hospital alone!" *See page 5*

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East Devon & South Somerset

Registration deadline for county elections next week

WITH local elections taking place in just a few weeks, voters in East Devon and South Somerset are being urged to make sure they are registered to vote and are able to take part on polling day – Thursday, May 4th.

The call for voters to sign-up comes as the Electoral Commission launches a national voter registration campaign to encourage as many people as possible to register ahead of elections taking place this year across the country. In order to vote in the county council elections, you need to be registered by Thursday, April 13th.

Mark Williams, Electoral Registration Officer for East Devon, said: "Time is running out to make sure you can take part in elections this May, so I'd encourage everyone in East Devon to take action now if they're not already registered to vote. It's quick and easy to register, but after the deadline of April 13th, it will be too late."

Emma Hartley, Head of Campaigns at the Electoral Commission, said: "Our research shows that young people, students and recent home movers are particularly less likely to be registered to vote.

"So if you have moved house recently, then make sure you're registered correctly. If you're not registered, you won't be able to have your say on issues that directly affect your day-to-day life in East Devon."

● COUNCILS across Somerset are targeting properties with no registered voters in a bid to boost turnout for their county council elections.

In an innovative initiative, mock poll cards are being sent to almost 30,000 properties reminding the occupiers that they are not yet registered to vote.

The cards, which are being distributed by all five district councils across the county in a cross-county initiative, give clear instructions on how to register to vote and a contact number for further help and advice.

At the beginning of March there were 418,000 registered electors in the county.

It is hoped the helpful reminders will encourage potential voters to meet the April 13th deadline for getting your name on the voter register.

A spokesperson for the district and county councils said: "We want as many people as possible to come out and vote on May 4th and this is the first time we have tried an initiative like this.

"There will be many eligible people out there who for one reason or another aren't on the electoral register and we hope this is the nudge they need to sign up before April 13th."

Redrow pull out of Bovis takeover

REDROW has withdrawn its takeover offer for fellow housebuilder Bovis.

The Flintshire-based company, whose share and cash offer was rejected by Bovis earlier last month, said it would not return with a higher offer.

Redrow said it had pulled out because it was "not in its shareholders' best interests to increase its proposal" and would now focus on its growth strategy.

Bovis has built homes in Seaton, Ottery St Mary and Axminster. There have recently been reports that residents are unhappy with the quality of some of the homes built at the Cloakham Lawns development in Axminster.

Bovis has also rejected an all-share takeover bid from Galliford Try, but has continued talks with them.

The chief executive of Bovis, David Ritchie, quit the company in January after eight years after the company issued a profit warning.

In February, Bovis announced that its annual pre-tax profits had fallen three per cent to £154.7m.

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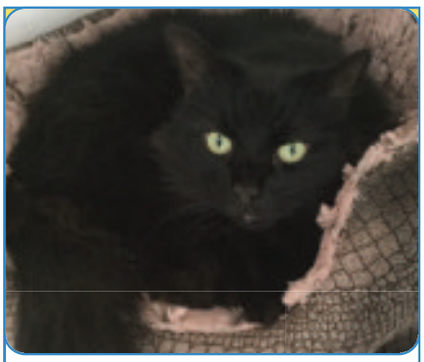

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Yeovil man sentenced to 21 years for sexual offences against three girls

A 55-YEAR-OLD man from the Yeovil area has been jailed for 21 years after being convicted of sexual offences against three girls.

Peter John Kingdon, of Barwick, near Yeovil, was sentenced at Taunton Crown Court on Wednesday, March 29th after previously being convicted of 11 charges, including rape, sexual assault and gross indecency.

The charges relate to three victims, who were aged between five and 15 at the time the offences were committed.

Investigating officer DC Stephen Bark said: "Peter Kingdon is a depraved sex offender whose appalling crimes spanned 16 years.

"A police investigation began in February 2015 when one of his victims bravely came to Yeovil Police Station to report the abuse she had suffered.

"Kingdon initially pleaded not guilty in court and maintained this up until the final hearing when he finally changed his plea to guilty.

"I would like to commend all the victims for the determination and dignity they have shown throughout the police investigation and court proceedings. I hope this outcome will encourage other victims of rape and sexual assault to have confidence in reporting offences to us, no matter how long ago the crimes occurred."

PETER John Kingdon from Barwick, near Yeovil, has been jailed for 21 years

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Honiton sculptor creates art from Clarence remains

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HONITON sculptor Martin Staniforth has been given unprecedented access to the burnt timbers of the Royal Clarence in Exeter to create an art piece, which he hopes will inspire Devon residents.

England's oldest hotel was reduced to ashes following a devastating fire there in October 2016 and Martin – known as 'Morth' – was allowed to take away more than two tonnes to design and build a sculpture that will be placed at Cathedral Green, where the Royal Clarence is, during Art Week Exeter (May 13th-21st).

Martin's project has been funded in part by the Devon Communities Fund and as part of the fund, there will be a free creative wellbeing workshop on the theme of 'hope and renewal' on Saturday, April 29th, from 10am to 1pm, at CoLab, Exeter CVS, King William Street.

Martin said: "There will be a range of fun, creative exercises and discussion to help design the shape of the sculpture.

"The workshop will be open to all and it is hoped that it will particularly connect with those who are journeying to renewal after a disaster in their lives.

"I hope that this workshop will be attended by a range of people who would like to explore what this theme might mean.

"The theme of 'hope and renewal' might be relevant for us as individuals, for our local community and for issues in the wider world right now."

The workshop will be run by Morth, who will be working with the Dove Self-Esteem Project, and Sarah Richards from local charity SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone).

Free workshop places can be reserved by emailing hope@ morth.co.uk or calling 01404 548726.

Martin added: "No experience is required and you will not be asked to explain why you have come to the workshop.

"Just bring an open, enquiring mind. Tea and coffee will be provided and local bus and parking fees can be reimbursed if you bring along your ticket.

Martin continued: "The grant from the Devon Community Foundation will benefit different people in different ways.

"It will help SAFE to continue with their vital work in the area of raising awareness into domestic abuse and providing support to those who have been affected.

"It will help individuals to improve recovery from physical or mental ill health and increase their skills by encouraging discussion and creative practice in a safe space. This can then help to raise future aspirations, as part of recovery journeys."

Sarah Richards from SAFE said: "This project and grant will make a huge difference to people in Exeter who are battling with the effects of domestic abuse.

"And the public nature of the sculpture and photographic activity will help to raise awareness of the serious challenges some people face in their homes.

"Thank you Devon Community Foundation."

Laura Hewitt from DCF added "We are delighted to be able to support this fantastic group.

"It is groups like this working on the frontline that are so essential to our communities.

"It's what makes DCF so important to ensure that together with donors and local groups we can build strong and vibrant communities for everyone in Devon, both now and for the future."

If you would like to help Devon Community Foundation support groups like Stop Abuse For Everyone, and make a real difference to local people in need, or if you're a group seeking funding, then get in touch at www.devoncf.com

MARTIN Stainforth with the two tonnes of wood from the Royal Clarence fire

Carnival committee has a new chairman and secretary

HONITON Carnival Committee has a new chairperson, after Grant Miller decided to step down from the role.

Bill Austin took over duties at the recent AGM, where Jenny Allen also stepped down as treasurer with Kirsty Lack assuming responsibility; Karen Wilson will stay on as secretary.

Emily Miller was given the job of finding sponsors for the events and anyone interested in sponsoring the event should contact her on 01404 46965. Emily is taking on the role from carnival president Myrtle Harris.

The committee is organising a Spring Fayre on Easter (Saturday, April 15th) in the Mackarness Hall from 9am to 12:30pm.

They are also staging a Variety Show night on Friday, June 2nd in the Mackarness Hall from 7pm.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for children, which are available from Honiton Toy Shop or Emily on the number above.

The MC for the event is Max Pipe.

Garden centres boost for judicial review fund

OTTER Garden Centres have made a huge contribution towards a fundraising campaign to seek a judicial review into NEW Devon CCG's decision to close hospital beds in Honiton.

They have donated £10,000 towards the £75,000 needed and hope that residents in the area will also donate towards the cause.

Jacqui Taylor, managing director of Otter Garden Centres, said: "We received a letter from Stephen Craddock of the Save Our Hospital Services Honiton Steering Group asking for support towards the costs of a judicial review.

As a local family business, we are very much a part of the East Devon and wider community and we feel very strongly about this. We have donated £10,000 to give this campaign a fighting chance.

"It seems that NHS New Devon CCG is removing all the hospital beds from East Devon by stealth; they closed Ottery, Axminster (and Crediton) whilst promising to keep Seaton and Honiton, and now they're removing beds there too – this is just crazy. Next it will be Exmouth and Sidmouth.

"Everyone knows Honiton is an excellent hospital. This doesn't just affect Honiton people – if you live in Ottery, Honiton is your nearest hospital now.

"As far as we can see there are no figures to substantiate the decision, and nothing to show how people will be looked after at home once the beds have gone.

"It would be great to see everyone in the local community chip in to help challenge this decision. Even if it is just a pound or two, every contribution will help."

‘Red lines’ protest hospital cuts across the area

HUNDREDS of angry East Devon residents were out in force on Saturday, as they held demonstrations across the area against cuts to hospital beds and services, ***writes PETER HODGES & ANDERS LARSSON.***

Protesters, dressed head to toe in red, at Honiton, Seaton and Ottery St Mary hospitals formed human ‘red lines’ to protest against the halving of hospital beds across East Devon, in a show of solidarity with their neighbours.

Approximately 350 people gathered at Seaton Hospital, where the speakers included MP Neil Parish, local GP Dr Mark Welland, town mayor Cllr Marcus Hartnell, town councillor Martin Shaw and deputy mayor Cllr Jack Rowland.

Dr Welland told the crowd: “The CCG is making a massive mistake, they haven’t listened.

“Let the CCG prove they have a better service in place before they close a single bed. I don’t think they will be able to do that.”

A Seaton Town Council working party on a potential judicial review – similar to what Honiton is hoping to achieve – was set to present its findings on Monday evening as this paper went to press.

The council was expected to debate a motion to make money available for initial legal advice on seeking a judicial review of the decision to close the beds.

In Honiton, more than 350 people marched from the town to the hospital on Marlpits Road, as MP Neil Parish, East Devon District Leader Cllr Paul Diviani and town mayor Cllr Caroline Kolek made presentations to the nurses at the hospital for all their hard work.

Following the presentation, district councillor Mike Allen addressed the crowd saying NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had made ‘a callous decision knowing that social care cannot look after our sick people at home’, after which MP Neil Parish said he would donate £250 towards a judicial review being sought into the decision to close the hospital beds.

Mr Parish had already pledged finanical support to any review in Seaton, after being challenged to do so by a member of the public.

Heather Penwarden, Honiton Hospital League of Friends chairman, thanked everyone for their support and revealed that they had so far received £25,000 towards the judicial review in just one week.

The Save our Hospital Services Honiton Steering Group also thanked everyone for turning up and showing their support.

In Ottery St Mary, protestors braved the rain to form their own line outside their hospital.

The crowd was addressed by Claire Wright and Dr Graham Ward. Cllr Wright said: “I am personally disappointed that we were asked to move twice by staff (presumably acting upon orders from on high) on the basis we were causing an obstruction.

“Yet I had already cleared our event with Ottery’s senior GP, Dr Simon Kerr, who was quite happy about us being there.

Two previous demonstrations at the hospital with a similar number of people – in 2014 and last year elicited no complaint, request to move nor a threat to call the police.

“If PCSO Maria Clapp hadn’t been there, apparently this is what would have happened.”

NEIL Parish MP addressed the demonstration outside Honiton Hospital, whilst Tony Simpon made his point clear with a placard

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Axe Valley Pedallers hit 100 members

■ NUMBERS: Membership has reached the 100-mark

AXE Valley Pedallers (AVP) has built on a busy start to the year by reaching the landmark of 100 club members.

Members celebrated the membership century on a recent Sunday social ride across Marshwood Vale, from Axminster to Symondsbury and back.

Following the customary coffee and cake refueling stop at The Symondsbury Kitchen, some of the AVP riders formed a 'Human 100' to commemorate the club's record number of members.

Club chairman Jonathan Read-Bone commented: "We are really delighted to have reached this record membership landmark.

"Our club membership has already grown by over a third since last year.

"It's a great testament to the efforts we're making to appeal to cyclists of every type and ability.

"With a presence across all social media platforms and a new calendar of rides in 2017, we are really trying to offer something for everyone.

"We certainly don't want to stop at 100 members. We hope to attract even more local cyclists, both new and experienced, to the club this year. Roll on the double century."

Fundraiser success for Light Up Axminster

LIGHT Up Axminster's first fundraising event was a massive success, with almost 70 people attending the group's Pizza and Quiz Night at Le Pisani, raising over £350.

The money raised will contribute towards this year's Christmas lights, and community events throughout the year.

Mum's the Word won the quiz, the team consisting of *View From* staff and friends Lisa Bright, Francesca Evans, Lottie Welch, Elizabeth Welch, James Coles and Jackie Evans.

Light Up Axminster's publicity and social media manager, Aaron Walker Purse, said: "It was fantastic to see many people there, we filled each and every seat.

"I hope everybody enjoyed the evening.

"Apologies to those that we had to turn away.

"Many thanks to the whole team at Le Pisani for letting us use their venue, and donating a prize for the runners up.

"Thanks also to Costa Coffee, Tesco, Millers Farm Shop and the Yarty Party for donating prizes to the winning team's hamper."

Light Up Axminster is hoping to hold more Pizza and Quiz Nights throughout the year.

Memory café to reopen

AXMINSTER Memory Café is to reopen at Pippins Centre, on the corner of Lyme Road and Stoney Lane.

The café provides practical information and support, as well as the opportunity for people with dementia, their families and carers to ask questions and listen to others affected.

It also offers an informal and social environment in which to learn new skills, and undertake meaningful activities.

The volunteer-led café was forced to close earlier this year because of ill health and retirement, but is now set to reopen.

The café will run every second Monday from 2pm-4pm, starting on May 8th.

More information is available from Maggie Stead on 01297 678458, Shiobhan Pickering on 01297 630427 or by emailing shiobhan.pickering@nhs.net

Reader Akshiya gets Gold

AKSHIYA Kannan, 5, has been presented with a Gold Book Track Award at Axminster Library.

Library supervisor Sarah Jones said: "Akshiya is only five years old so it is amazing that she has read one hundred books.

"I think 99 of them were about princesses

"We are incredibly proud of her."

Akshiya, who attends St Mary's CofE Primary School, received a goodie bag, including vouchers for Archway Bookshop, Flamingo Pool and Pecorama.

■ 100 BOOKS: Akshiya Kannan

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Dried fruit is also a risk to dogs and can cause renal failure so keep Hot Cross Buns and Simnel cake away from low tables or other places your crafty hound may be able to get to. It is wonderful to see the daffodils coming up, but we need to be aware that they are highly poisonous to dogs, if your dog is a digger and likes to help you in the garden, make sure daffodil bulbs and flowers are inaccessible and lifted bulbs are stored out of reach.

For some of us, it can all get a bit much at these busy family times. We may like our house being filled with family, friends and music but not all our pets do. For some, the bustle and noise can be very stressful. If you have a timid pet who enjoys the quiet, make sure there is somewhere peaceful that they can go to not be disturbed. They may prefer to have their food and litter tray in a hidden corner.

Most importantly, have a wonderful Easter with your furry friends and if you have any worries or suspect your pet has eaten something they shouldn't, don't hesitate to call your vet for advice. Happy Easter!

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Cancer-supporting zumbathon raises £1,700

A ZUMBATHON in Axminster raised more than £1,700 for Force Cancer Charity.

Katie Thomson, who runs FIT EWE, teamed up with 40 clients for the Alice in Wonderland-themed zumbathon in Axminster Guildhall on March 18th.

The zumbathon lasted for almost two hours and she said: "It was a fabulous fun morning with so much support.

"We have currently collected an amazing total of £1,735 with donations still being sent in.

"Thank you so much to all of my clients and everyone involved for making this event so special, being so supportive, working hard to raise money for such a great local charity – amazing."

"Also, a big thank you to local businesses in Axminster for generously donating raffle prizes and supporting our event."

■ TOP: The zumbathon attracted many people

■ LEFT: The participants went through a tough routine

Axminster Carpets triumph

THE latest collection from Axminster Carpets, Hazy Days, has won the Best Residential Woven Carpet of the Year category at the International Wool Flooring Awards.

Axminster Carpets was also a finalist in two other categories, Best Commercial Carpet and Design Innovation.

The awards ceremony was held in London on March 15th.

The Hazy Days range features "stunning patterns and hushed pared-back tones".

Offering elegant geometrics to charming botanical patterns, Hazy Days is described as "a versatile collection of grey and soft dove carpets with a twist".

■ TOP OF THE LEAGUE: Gary Bridge showing off the award

The range was further described at the awards as "blending an assortment of exquisite designs with a subtle neutral palette, the range delivers a stylish and timeless look as well as the luxury and durability of a pure wool carpet".

Axminster Carpets design director Gary Bridge said: "We're so happy that our latest collection has won this prestigious award, even more so that it is the second year we have won with a new design.

"The Hazy Days designs are a collection of designs spanning all tastes from contemporary to classic styles all inspired by interior trends of muted colours and pattern. "The collection exudes sophistication and charm and is perfect for those seeking a timeless yet contemporary feel to their room."

Marie Curie coffee morning

MARIE Curie Axminster and Seaton Fundraising Branch will hold a coffee morning on Thursday, April 6th from 9am–12noon.

The coffee morning will take place in the Bradshaw Room of Axminster Heritage Centre.

There will be hot drinks, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, plants and a raffle for wine, a fruit basket and more.

Organiser Sandy Sinclair said: "Join the Great Daffodil Appeal and become one of our happy volunteers, collecting money for our brilliant local nurses who care for people with any terminal illness.

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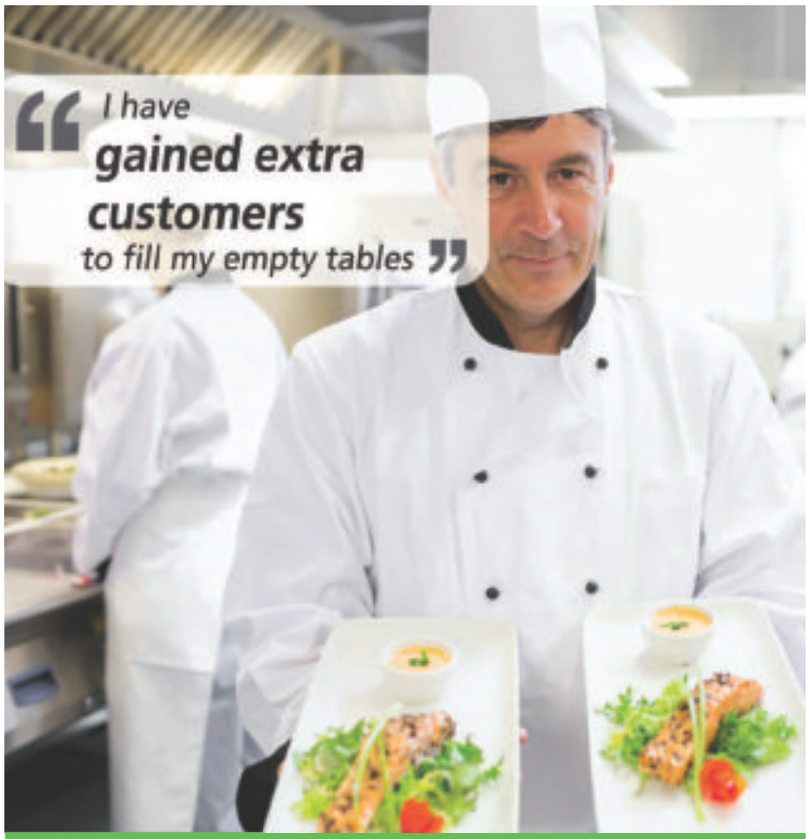

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College students get on their bikes for the air ambulance

SOME of the sixth formers and staff that took part in the fundraising event

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STUDENTS and staff at Honiton Community College have been feeling a tremendous sense of achievement following the success of their recent fundraising efforts for the Devon Air Ambulance service.

So far an incredible £1,839.19 has been raised off the back of their epic 24 hour, 'John O' Groats to Lands End' group cycle event held in the Sixth Form Centre.

Sixth formers and more than 50 members of staff took turns to cycle the equivalent mileage using three exercise bikes kindly supplied by Mid Devon Leisure.

The 870 miles were actually reached in the early hours of the morning, so not wishing to settle for an early finish, it was decided that the journey should be doubled.

Everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, which saw friendly competition between the riders as they battled to see who could cover the most miles in their 15-minute time slot.

College principal, Glenn Smith came out top, covering an impressive 8.7 miles, closely followed by Miss Wyatt and Mr Wright who both managed an impressive 8.4 miles each.

Not to be outdone by the staff, the students collectively cycled a staggering 1,071 miles compared to the 668 miles completed by the staff.

The event, however, was not about the competition but about raising as much money as possible for Devon Air Ambulance and donations can still be made at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/honitonsixthformbikeride.

Head of Sixth Form, Selena Burroughs, said "The event organised by the sixth formers was to raise money for the Devon Air Ambulance.

"Our initial target was to raise £1,000 by riding the 870 miles from north to south.

"At 1.52am we had reached 'Lands End' so the students decided to challenge themselves and return back up to Scotland.

"The energy, enthusiasm and commitment from all the students and staff that joined in was amazing and, although there were some tired legs and minds 24 hours later, it was a great sense of achievement with the money still coming in.We were supported by many people on the event including the mayor and deputy mayor riding the bikes for us, as well as our local PCSO Darren England.

"The event was started off by Captain Richard Tate – a pilot with Devon Air Ambulance – who managed to set the pace for the rest of us to follow.

"Generous thanks goes to Lee Chester from Mid Devon Leisure, who kindly donated the three bikes to us; Tesco Honiton for providing the water and food to keep us going throughout the night; and Complete Meats for donating the sausages for our breakfast to fuel us to the final stop."

Luke Chambers, Sixth Form Executive Team chairman, who was a key member of the cycling team said: "The whole event was a great success and demonstrates the great community spirit that we have in our sixth form.

"As well as the excellent academic experience we have, these events allow us to develop lifelong skills for when we leave".

Principal Glenn Smith said: "The 24 hour cycle ride in aid of the Devon Air Ambulance service was a resounding success.

"It is events like this that will stay in my memory always.

"I got in to education to make a difference; to empower others to develop their own solutions and shape their own futures. It was a privilege to play a small part in what took place.

"Raising the money was very rewarding but for me the best thing about the whole event was that my staff and I could step back and let the young adults of tomorrow take a lead – that was special."

Richard Tate, Devon Air Ambulance pilot, said: "It was a real pleasure to join in with this fantastic effort by all the team at Honiton Sixth Form College.

"I know I was only at the start, but the enthusiastic efforts by everyone is very much appreciated by all the people we assist in their hour of need.

"And I believe I may have lost a couple of grams during my 30 minutes at the start."

HONITON mayor Councillor Caroline Kolek did her bit

SELENA Burroughs and Martin Stone tracked the progress on the map

COLLEGE principal Glenn Smith cycled an impressive 8.7 miles in 15 minutes

FoneSnap 2017 winners announced at the library

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THE winners of the first stage of FoneSnap 2017 have been named at a special event held at the new Ottery library.

Five prizes were given to those taking part, with Frankie Roberts winning the photo competition.

However, FoneSnap 2017 isn't over, quite yet. The public will still get to decide which photo is the overall winner, in the Pulman's Prize – proudly sponsored by *Pulman's View from Honiton & Ottery St Mary*, when they get to for their favourite snap. Entries will be on display in the library and organisers are encouraging the public to go along and vote.

The competition was judged by artist Phil Creek and photojournalist Andrew Johnstone, who both praised the high calibre of entry.

The competition was won by Frankie Roberts who was unable to attend on the night to collect her prize, neither was Liberty Shaw, whose photo was highly commended by judges.

JUDGE Phil Creek, Lily Allen-Smith (fourth place), Alexandra Fearn-Smith (second), Lily Pendray (third) and Andrew Johnstone (judge)

Theatre group requires actors for night of plays

OTTERY Community Theatre are looking for actors to get involved in their '3-in-One Evening' in July in Ottery St Mary.

The performance will consist of three one-act plays, with a percentage of the profits being donated to charity.

One of the plays is being performed in the Exmouth One-Act Play Festival next week and so is fully cast.

Another play has also already been cast; however, actors are still needed for the third play, The Chimney.

Based on an actual event which took place in Ottery St Mary, The Chimney contains two songs and seven main speaking parts.

The speaking parts are short monologues, one after the other, and can be adjusted so that the parts can be taken by anyone of any age (school year six or above) or gender.

It is possible that someone with mobility issues could do one of the parts and OCT members are quite happy to discuss this.

The commitment to learn the lines and ability to speak clearly are more important than previous acting experience, so this is an ideal opportunity for anyone new to OCT to get involved.

Jill Machin of OCT said: "Everyone who would like to take part in this play can do so because a group is needed to sing the songs.

"Don't worry, though, no-one will need to attend any auditions or be asked to sing solo."

Contact Jill on 01404 813741 or email ottery communitytheatre@gmail.com before April 15th to express your interest in taking part.

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Tramway looking for more volunteers

Anders Larsson
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SEATON Tramway is looking to expand its army of volunteers. The popular attraction has volunteer opportunities in the driving, meet & greet and engineering teams.

Across the board there is currently a team of about 35 volunteers helping out at the tramway. Ideally, management would like to add another five in each of the teams mentioned.

Some volunteers see their dreams come true. Dave Rawlings from Cotleigh, near Honiton, is one of them. He joined as volunteer driver for two years before becoming a paid member of staff in 2015.

He said: "I love interacting with people and also had a boyhood dream of driving a tram."

Mr Rawlings was born in London and brought up in Berkshire. An electric engineer by trade, he worked in the computer industry for more than 30 years.

Having moved to the West Country and taken early retirement, he spent a few years refurbishing his house. When that mission was completed, he got in touch with Seaton Tramway to see if he could help.

He said: "I wanted to put something back into the local community. I asked the tramway and they said yes.

"Anybody with an interest in trams, travel and an outgoing personality would enjoy driving a tram and meeting people.

"It is great to see people enjoying themselves."

When asked if he has a favourite tram, he said: "No, they all have their own little quirks and are a pleasure to drive."

Training is provided for all volunteers and a spokesperson said: "Becoming a volunteer means that you can enjoy benefits such as a meal voucher each day you work, unlimited free travel on the tramway for your family and friends – and discounts in our gift shop and café.

"Our team always has a warm welcome for new faces."

More information is available from Sue on 01297 20375 or emailing sue@tram.co.uk

Driver Dave Rawlings started as a volunteer

■ SEATON Memory Café has benefitted to the tune of £1,000 from a Devon Freemasons donation.

A total donation of £7,500 was given to Devon Community Foundation (DCF), which has allocated portions of money to various groups. DCF Chief Executive Martha Wilkinson was delighted to be presented with the cheque by Ian Kingsbury, the Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire Freemasons.

The generous gift brings the total donated over the last four years to £27,000 and was be allocated to the foundation's community grants scheme, supporting hundreds of voluntary and community groups offering local people in need a helping hand.

Ian Kingsbury, who was accompanied by the Devonshire Provincial Charity Steward, Barry White, said: "It is a delight for us as Freemasons to be able to assist such a worthwhile and important local organisation, helping them to reach out to those most in need in our local communities."

The funds will support community groups like Seaton & District Memory Café to support people suffering from dementia and their carers with practical information and support, helping to reduce their isolation and fears.

A member of the memory café said: "It is a truly wonderful place to be part of, we're welcomed with smiles and laughter, everyone takes part and we're given two hours of pure joy. Meeting other people is so important."

Ms Wilkinson commented: "Over the last year we've given £495,556 to 147 local projects helping 58,539 local people in need.

"We could not do this without the support of individuals, families, and organisations such as the Devon Freemasons.

"I cannot thank them enough for their continued generosity, their contribution really will make a significant difference to local people's lives."

Seaton Memory Café has reason to celebrate

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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

■ **COLYTON:** The president, Shelagh Derwent, welcomed visitors Erica and Frankie to our latest meeting.

There was also a welcome back to Joan Garner and a welcome home to Brenda Clark.

There is a council meeting in Torquay on April 12th and spaces on the coach are available to people not attending the meeting.

It is time to buy your programmes for the group meeting at Colyford WI on April 26th from 2pm, where the speaker will be Jane Perkins.

The competition for this meeting is a recycled vase, which must be more than 6in in height.

Therefore we will be using this as our competiton for our next WI Meeting in April; the winner to be entered for the group competition. You must take a photo of the original container.

Jacky Roberts Wake gave information on the exhibition in St Andrew's Church from May 18th-21st to celebrate our 90th birthday.

Fellow institutes are presenting some of the decades; we will be showing 1920s and 2010s and following the theme, 'Inspiring Women through the Decades'. There will be a Sunday Service on the 21st at 3.30 pm.

The 90th birthday meal will take place on Friday, November 24th in the Peace Memorial Hall. For our garden meeting we are planning to visit Barrington Court on July 18th.

Thank you to Catherine Heap and Noelle Ingham for serving tea. As our speakers did not arrive Brenda Clark gave an interesting overview of her recent travels – quite a journey! Good to have Brenda back with us.

Competition: Flower of the Month – 1st, Penny Cogan, joint 2nd, Shelagh Derwent and Monica Rust; 3rd, Joan McDougall.

Next meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 2.15pm in St John's Hall. Visitors welcome.

Seascape painting demo at Axminster Art Society

■ AXMINSTER ART SOCIETY welcomed well known seascape painter Roy Lang last month.

Roy started painting after watching demonstrations on TV whilst recovering from an operation, later joining the Society of Amateur artists and winning their Artist of the Year award and now enjoys demonstrating and meeting artists from different art societies.

Roy has a palette of his own ready-mixed colours kept in the freezer until needed and used later with a small squirt of oil.

Whilst painting, he washes his brush in low odour thinner, stored and re-used when clear, but later soaks his brushes in neat Fairy Liquid and rinses them in hot water.

Members asked for a misty sunset image and there was sunshine burning through yellow mist as peachy colours blended into areas of a purple mix of ultramarine and scarlet lake – a thin white line marking the horizon under the sun.

Roy kept this palette for the sea, with a main wave breaking over foreground rocks, its crest a very pale yellow, and a mix of pale sap green, ultramarine and burnt sienna blending light under the curl; whilst for the choppy boiling water between the rocks, he rolled his brush with a mix of manganese, cadmium yellow (pale hue), across the water.

The next meeting in The United Reformed Church Hall will be on April 19th from 2.30 to 4.30 with Rob Dudley's watercolour demonstration on 'Rivers'.

For further information, please visit www.axminsterartsociety.uk

■ MEMBERS of **Seaton Probus Club** were given a history lesson by Richard Holladay on the 'Oldest Business in Exeter'.

This was Garton and King ironmongers and, more recently, iron founders.

The business started 330 years ago and the foundry was located in St Petroch's parish in the centre of Exeter.

As well as manufacturing metal railings and drain covers it became one of the first UK outlet agents for the 'Aktiebolaget Gas Accumulator' or AGA stove.

For more information on the group, please ring Steve Lord on 01297 21872 or visit www.seatonprobus.co.uk

■ MEMBERS of the **Axe Valley Centre National Trust** enjoyed an illustrated talk by Kate Churchill, the house manager from Knightshayes.

She began with a short history of the Gothic Revival house, designed by William Burges, and its internationally recognised garden.

Kate then told us of the challenges caring for a house that is open 363 days a year, the programming needed to provide enough interest for visitors, while at the same time carrying out necessary conservation work and planning for the future.

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Open letter to health secretary

■ **OPEN letter to Jeremy Hunt MP, Secretary of State for Health:**
I AM writing to you about the proposed closure of all the beds at Seaton Hospital.

This decision by the local CCG is flawed in so many different ways that it is difficult to know where to begin. I will keep to the main points and be as brief as possible:

1. Seaton Hospital was built in the 1980s, funded 50 per cent by the NHS and 50 per cent by the community, brick by brick. It belongs jointly to the community and the NHS. It is well equipped and well used; occupancy rates are between 85 and 90 per cent.

2. The beds at Axminster Hospital were lost a year or so ago. The residents of Axminster were assured that Seaton Hospital beds were safe and would serve the whole of the Axe Valley. This appears to have been a lie. If Seaton beds are closed, people living in Axminster would have to change buses to get to Sidmouth, so four bus journeys to get to the nearest hospital. Sidmouth has severe traffic problems, with the hospital at the centre of them. Seaton Hospital has ample parking in a quiet street.

3. Option A, which would have retained the beds at Seaton, was by far the most popular choice in the consultation. This has been ignored by the CCG.

4. The CCG statistics on population are false. They state that Sidmouth has the older population. In fact, Sidmouth has 32 per cent of residents over 65, while Seaton has 33 per cent. Both towns have seven per cent of residents over 85. What this has got to do with the final decision is impossible to fathom. Seaton is also the less affluent of the two towns.

5. Having lost Axminster beds, and proposing to lose those of Seaton and Honiton, would bring about a total collapse of the system in East Devon. How anyone can imagine that Sidmouth Hospital could cope with the extra patients is beyond belief. The 'bed-blocking' we have now would be as nothing compared to the nightmare future being proposed.

6. It is common knowledge that it would be impossible to recruit the amount of staff necessary to cover house visits on the scale suggested. Local care homes and Care in the Community services cannot fill the vacancies they have now. It is no good ignoring the blindingly obvious – it is not a popular job.

My next points relate to the policy of closing hospital beds in the wider situation.

7. In hospital one nurse can oversee several patients; care is 24 hours a day. In the community the patient is likely to have 3x15-minute visits a day. No comparison. What does the beleaguered carer do on their tighter-than-tight schedule as they arrive at a house to find a patient has messed the bed, had a stroke, had a fall, taken too much medication and all the other myriad things that can go wrong? In hospital there is control – and safety.

8. In a rural area – such as ours – driving cannot be timed with any accuracy. In a lot of cases the travelling between patients will take longer than the visit itself. This would obviously be a huge waste of time and resources.

9. Should the NHS save money with this mad scheme, the even greater financial cost would just transfer to the Care in the Community budget. It's all public money and robbing Peter to pay Paul makes no sense whatsoever.

I beseech you to retain Seaton Hospital beds and reverse this disastrous policy before it's too late.

CAROL WARD,
Seaton

CCG decision: 'Just a con'

■ NO consultation. Just a con!!!

When will the public recognise it for what it is.

BONTE POCOCK,
Colyford

Concerns over silt being deposited

■ FOLLOWING the temporary smoothing of Seaton beach for the Grizzly, I am dismayed to see renewed trench digging to deposit silt pumped from Axmouth harbour in the neighbouring parish.

Before ever consent is given for our shingle to be defiled like this another year, the waste should be analysed to determine what poisons such as lead, mercury and antifouling paint are waiting buried just under the surface for children and holiday makers to encounter.

BRIAN RAINE,
Seaton

Why were deputy mayor's comments on skatepark labelled a disgrace?

■ IN RESPONSE to the front page article in the *Pulman's* Axminster edition of March 21st, I should like to express my appreciation and agreement with the comments recently expressed by Deputy Mayor Cllr Lara Rowe when she described the skateboard site as a "scabby little hole".

Cllr Moulding is reported to have said that those comments were a disgrace. Why?

Is she not vested with the authority and trust of the community to speak her mind, particularly in her official capacity, on the subject regardless of whether or not that opinion conflicts with that of a fellow councillor.

It is a depressing scene highlighted by the fact that it is right beside the beautiful Axe Valley, the new cycle path and sports centre.

It certainly does not, as currently maintained, compliment them. In fact their very presence highlights its squalidness.

To daily see so much rubbish and empty beer cans regularly strewn in and around the overgrown twisted and mangled foliage is very sad.

Back in 2014, I raised a concern as to whether the project, when completed and operational at the proposed site, would receive the maintenance needed to ensure it did not turn into a lookalike discarded small scrap heap.

Sadly my fears have proved to be well founded. It is also not true that people are usually in Cloakham Sports and can be contacted.

And anyway who, for instance, are these brave people that might be expected to handle a situation arising such as when gangs use the area for drinking and rowdiness at night?

Lacks of follow through combined with wasted money have dogged this project.

The unfortunate result, not least, is that, as predicted, its legacy is that of the creation of an eye sore that the town can do without.

MALCOLM REYNOLDS,
Axminster

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AFTER A BUSY WINTER, PECORAMA AT BEER REOPENS WITH A FRESH APPROACH

New vision for unique attraction without losing its old-world charm

Photos by RICHARD AUSTIN

ONE of East Devon's premier tourist attractions, Pecorama, reopened its doors on Saturday following a busy winter of preparations.

The gardens, home to the Beer Heights Light Railway, have been a West Country family favourite since 1975 and the management team has been busy over the winter months, bringing a fresh appeal to the attraction whilst retaining its unique charm.

Pecorama, an eight-acre site nestled above the picturesque village of Beer, seems to take you back to a simpler, friendlier time as soon as you walk through the gates. You could say it's unashamedly old-fashioned, where details as small as the station masters' jackets date back to 1947 and everyone says "hello".

As well as the one-mile long Beer Heights Light Railway, considered by many to be the finest 7¼ inch gauge railway in Britain, the site boasts a plethora of attractions fit for the whole family, including themed gardens, mini golf, play parks, a nature walk with the Crawlie Hall bug hotel, outdoor performance area, and the hugely-popular Play Station indoor soft play area, now open for its fourth year and welcoming private bookings from groups and parties.

Francesca Evans
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And, not forgetting where it all began, train enthusiasts of all ages can lose themselves in Peco's model railway shop and extensive and interactive exhibition, with another new layout this season. When director Michael Pritchard, son of the company's founder Sydney Pritchard, stepped aside and became chairman 18 months ago, his nephew Ben Arnold took the reins and appointed general manager Russ Pearce to help achieve his vision.

Russ commented: "Under Ben's stewardship, we decided we wanted to make Pecorama even better, without losing its charm. Visitors enjoy the slower pace and friendly feel here. A lot of ef-

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Happy days at... Pecorama

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Visitors will be able to enjoy the Mediterranean fare al fresco with stunning views across Lyme Bay - a little piece of Italy just above Beer

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-fort has gone into keeping the integrity the place enjoys; to protect the brand but make it even better."

Ben added: "It has evolved over the years and Michael has added a lot, but some aspects needed a little shake-up. We have re-focused and taken a fresh look at things without being too radical.

"We wanted to modernise in some ways but keep the core values of the company. We're never going to step away from model railways; we're really proud of what we do. The common theme is quality and we wanted that to show across the board."

One of their main aims was to improve dining options at the park, which vary by season, and The Junction – offering authentic Spanish tapas and freshly-cooked pizzas – is sure to be a welcome addition this year. Visitors will be able to enjoy the Mediterranean fare al fresco with stunning views across Lyme Bay – "a little piece of Italy just above Beer," as Russ describes it.

The Junction will provide an alternative to the more traditional Garden Room restaurant, which has benefited from a kitchen refit over the winter and staff have been given training by award-winning Charmouth chef Ian Simpson, who has helped add more variety to the menu.

For something a little more decadent, cream teas, afternoon tea and high tea will be served in the genuine 1950s Orion Pullman Car – perfect for a special occasion – or, if you're looking for a quick fix, the new Whistle Stop grill will be serving up bacon and egg rolls, burgers and sausages.

There's plenty to tucker out the children after all that food, with Pecorama's play areas having also been freshened up over the winter. With large areas having been resurfaced, they boast a new train line floor graphic and play trains, along with the already-popular pirate ship and Castle Peco.

There's also a busy programme of special events set for this season, starting with Pirate Day this weekend (April 9th), and including art exhibitions, a vintage car rally, kit construction days, Peco Loco Week featuring guest locomotives on the railway track, and the annual Peco Garden Day in aid of this year's chosen charities, Parkinson's UK and the Exeter-based Step One. Looking ahead to later in the year, Pecorama's ghost train will be returning at Hallowe'en and Santa Claus has been booked in for Christmas.

Pecorama will also be launching its own sculpture trail on May 1st, which will include the work of many local artists and some from further afield. Chainsaw artist Gary Orange is also transforming trees, which have had to be cut down on the site, into works of art.

Children's entertainment will feature on the outdoor stage throughout the season, and a performance of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' by The Inn Theatre Company will be held on the evening of July 1st. There truly is something to meet all tastes!

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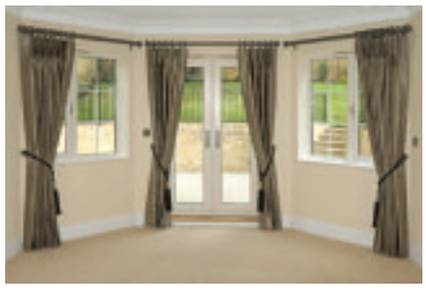

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They serve food Monday to Saturday from 9.00 to 5.00. One of the most popular meals is the All Day Breakfast and bacon deli rolls.

Since 2001 Bilbys has improved its wheelchair access and now has a room that can be used for private parties. Many community organisations like the Chamber of Trade, Knit & Natter, The Book club, The GO-OUT club and the Baptist church use this room.

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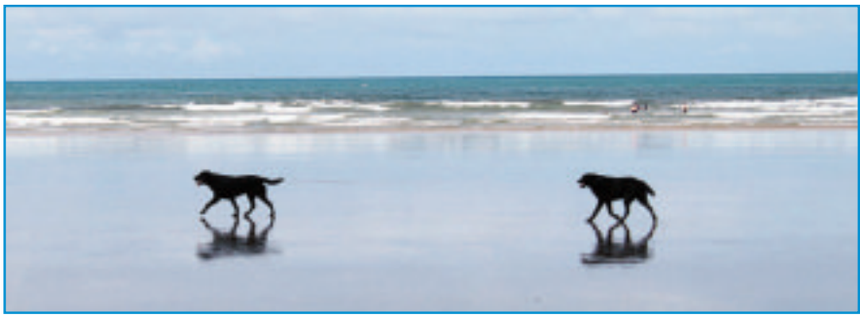

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Raise a glass to the Phil Beer Band

LEVELS of excitement among local music fans will be going through the roof on Saturday, May 27th as The Phil Beer Band tour bus comes to town.

Celebrated multi-instrumentalist and 'bon viveur' Phil Beer will be appearing with what he describes as his 'Musical Family' at The David Hall, South Petherton.

"It all started back in the early 1980s" explains Phil. "Our village hall in Gloucestershire needed a ceilidh band so I recruited a bunch of mates and off we went".

Nobody expected the band members to reach such dizzy heights in their respective careers, least of all Phil himself who is now generally regarded as one of the finest folk/rock musicians in the country. As well as being half of the multi award winning duo Show of Hands, he has recorded with The Rolling Stones, Steve Harley and Mike Oldfield amongst a legion of others. His fellow band members have also carved out hugely successful careers either as soloists or as members of other top folk and rock bands.

So, what draws these top musicians back together when they are all so busy elsewhere?

"We are a family, and all families have reunions" says Phil. "We catch up with each other's news. We laugh together and play music together, and in so doing we remind each other why we started doing this over thirty years ago. It's a glorious musical celebration of enduring friendship. Even our road crew and our support band "The Hawthornes" are family. It's the most joyous, exhilarating highlight of my musical calendar".

The night promises to be an extravaganza of what Phil describes as "Folk'n'Roll" so join the party on Saturday, May 27th when The Phil Beer Band plays at The David Hall, South Petherton.

For more details or to book call 01460 240340 or visit www.thedavidhall.org.uk

Psychic Vibration on the Medium Wave

EX-HAIRDRESSER Steve Holbrook, regarded by many as one of the UK's top Clairvoyant Mediums, is visiting locally very shortly, and he explains how he hears the voices of our loved ones that have passed away. His ability started from behind the salon chair, and he now visits Theatres and Hotels around the country, and as far as the Caribbean, demonstrating his unique ability to act as a telephone exchange between this world and the Spirit world.

Steve says that he was always aware from being a child that life existed beyond the grave, when he awoke to find 5 soldiers marching through his bedroom, but could only see the top half of them floating through the room. "This was very un-nerving experience but it was to give me an early glimpse of what was to come, and now it's as natural as breathing to me"

Steve started work in Leeds city centre in a busy hairdressing salon, and feels that the years he spent behind the chair, having that personal contact with the customers, stimulated this rare, yet natural ability to hear the voices of spirits. People used to come in and book for their hair cut, and often got more than they bargained for when he passed on a message from their loved one. Steve was always the busiest stylist, and had a 6 week waiting list if people didn't re-book immediately, and says "I often wonder if they kept coming back for my ability as a hair stylist, or the possibility that they might receive a message from a relative who had passed away!"

He now gives messages of re-assurance to people who have lost their loved ones, and by communicating with them, helps them understand that life continues, just simply in a different dimension. One lady's mum came through to her in one of Steves messages, and said to the daughter "don't forget the brown Prada handbag on Friday". The lady replied "I'm putting it in my mums coffin on Friday, she only died 5 days ago". Who would know this information?

One of Steves best friends is the multi-talented Jane MacDonald, singer and co-presenter on ITV's Loose Women. Steve met Jane in a Spiritualist Church many years ago, and predicted she would be on BBC TV as part of a cruise entertainment documentary. She didn't believe it, but the year after it came true, and she was the star of The Cruise, the first docu-soap, and she had the biggest selling debut album of all time. She has dedicated her auto-biography to Steve, calling him her inspiration and guru, and can't thank him enough for being there when she needs guidance.

Steve has three books out, 'Light in the Darkness', 'Out of this World', and 'Survival', and these all offer a true insight into the day-to-day life of a working medium, Steves beliefs on many areas of Spiritualism, and a great background in to Steves life.

Steve has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charities over the years, £50000 for his local hospice in Wakefield, £5000 for MacMillan Support, and most recently our current total for PACT – a charity that helps terminally ill children and their parents across the country – is almost £30,000. He is dedicated to raising funds and awareness for this charity.

Don't miss this emotional rollercoaster ride of an evening, a night to remember!

Stephen Holbrook comes to the Beehive, Honiton on Tuesday, April 11th. 7pm doors, 7.30pm start. Tickets are £17 in advance, £18 on the door. See the advert below for more details.

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After a mad March, the Beehive is ready for an amazing April!

View from the beehive with Wendy Van Der Plank

AFTER a mad March at the Beehive with oodles of community activities, conferences, classes and wonderful events we leap into April. During the Easter holidays we have a couple of great family films, 'Sing' (U) on Saturday, April 8th at 10am and 3pm. Buster Moon, a theatre owning Koala, decides to put on a Singing competition to save his Theatre from closing down. Then we have the hugely entertaining 'Lego Batman' (PG) on Saturday 15th April at 10am and 3pm.

The following weekend, Saturday, April 22nd at 3.30pm we have a really delightful family show 'According to Arthur' as a part of the Spring Fair with the Thelma Hulbert Gallery and Toast. For those curious to know more about 'According to Arthur' and to see if their youngsters will like this utterly charming show do pop into Honiton Library at 2pm on Thursday, April 6th for a free taster. An ideal show for a first theatre experience, suitable for age 4+, adults will love it too!

For the bigger kids we have three fantastic gigs lined up with the lovely local folk/pop duo 'Sound of the Sirens' appearing on Friday, April 7th. Exeter based Hannah and Abbe are very popular on the festival circuit and we are thrilled to have them here as part of their tour to launch their fab new album along with their support acts, local singer/songwriter Victoria Pearce and Jim 'Small Town Jones'.

On Friday, April 14th Rusty Shackle return to the Beehive. This brilliant six piece with their distinct folk-roots sound and armed with an electrifying mix of rampant fiddle, scorching electric guitars, pounding drums, searing trumpet and banjo were such a hit last time we had to have them back!

We are also delighted to welcome back the fabulous Phil Beer Band on Saturday, April 29th, this fast, frenetic, feel-good band are not to be missed.

We have two great British films to offer this month with 'I, Daniel Blake' (15) on Friday, April 21st. A middle aged carpenter who requires state welfare after suffering a heart attack is joined by a single mother in a similar scenario. BAFTA Outstanding British Film of the Year 2017.

On Friday, April 28th we have 'Denial' (12A) Acclaimed writer and historian Deborah E. Lipstadt must battle for historical truth to prove the Holocaust actually occurred when David Irving, a renowned denier, sues her for libel. Starring Tom Wilkinson, Tim Spall and Rachel Weisz.

At 2pm on Friday, April 28th there is the Nostalgic Cinema screening of 'Somewhere in Time' (PG), for £3.50 to include tea, biscuits and chat in the café bar!

This month we are also hosting Alice Holmes' photo exhibition, a selection of beautiful images of the South West and beyond so do drop in to browse in the gallery, pick up a flyer and say hello. See you soon, Wendy.

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Britain's Got Talent finalist to headline Pilot Boat's Comedy Club

COMEDY impressionist and Britain's Got Talent (BGT) finalist Danny Posthill headlines this weekend's Pilot Boat Comedy Club in Lyme Regis.

Seen by millions in the BGT 2015 final, Danny Posthill has since performed all over the world working alongside some of the biggest names in comedy after he stunned the BGT judges with his hilarious portrayals of everyone from fellow comics Billy Connolly and Jimmy Carr to famous faces such as David Beckham and Gary Barlow.

■ Danny Posthill

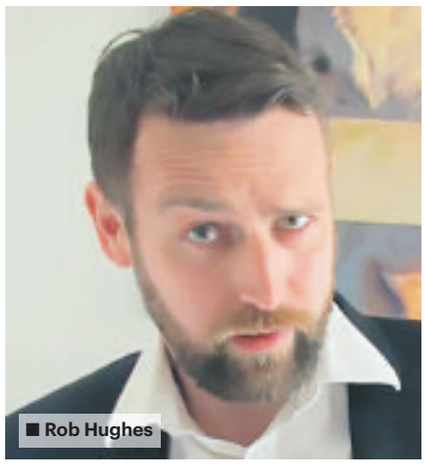
Danny is now carving a career for himself on the alternative comedy circuit and will be coming to Lyme Regis for the first time next week to headline the Pilot Boat Comedy Club.

Joining Danny will be the hilariously downbeat Welsh funnyman Rob Hughes. Rob has gained a local following with perfomances at the Jurassic Fields Festival and Bridport Arts Centre in recent years and his despairing observations on family life never fail to entertain.

Completing the line up will be political satirist Don Biswas and London comedy circuit and Edinburgh fringe festival regular Nig Lovell.

As ever, local comedian Tom Glover will MC the show, chatting with the crowd and road testing his latest material.

This month's Pilot Boat Comedy night will be this Saturday, April 8th at 8pm, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from the bar on 01297 443157 or on the door. Book early to avoid dissapointment.


■ Rob Hughes

Fun for all the family at Axminster Football Club

AXMINSTER Football Club is hosting a feast of fun for Easter, with something for the whole family.

On Easter Sunday, April 16th, the revelries begin with a Tractor Trundle, which leaves the club at 11am. Upon their return at 2pm, a whole host of events are planned, including an Easter egg hunt, bouncy castle, face painting, egg and spoon race, eggathon, skittles, a draw and games for children.

If you like your entertainment a little more on the thrilling side, you can join the detective team for a Murder Mystery Night at Axminster Football Club on April 29th. Can you determine the source of the dastardly dealings and solve the crime? Tickets cost just £12.50 and super sleuths will also be treated to a ploughman's supper. The evening starts at 7:30pm.

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY APRIL 4TH

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CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

COLYTON: Colyton, Colyford & District Memory Café 2pm to 4pm, St John Hall, King St, Colyton.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am. All welcome; details from Jill (01460 72837)

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway. Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5 . All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details.

ROUSDON: Easter Bingo Night at Peek Hall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm. In aid of the Combpyne Rousdon Produce Association.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about RNLI Lifeboats. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

KILMINGTON: "A United Kingdom (12A)" The true story of the love that shook an empire in the late 1940's. Moviola screen a Kilmington Village Hall, doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm, film starts at 7.15. For more details or advance booking contact 01297 32335, tickets £5 if ordered in advance or £5.50 on the door.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

ILMINSTER: Meditation Group, 20 minutes of silence, at St Mary's Church. Newcomers or experienced meditators welcomed. Open to everyone, regardless of prior experience, faith or beliefs. 8.10am.

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THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club. The start of the new photography year for the club begins at 7.30pm in the Baptist church hall, Holyrood Street. members will be renewing their memberships, reviewing the programme for the coming year and holding a production workshop in order to refresh their skills.

CHARD: Straightforward, welcoming, and free relaxation and meditation sessions in Eleos Coffe Shop, Chard. First Thursdays April to September, 7pm-9.15pm. Facebook.com/stompyrelaxation. Email: stompy@cheerful.com.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall – 'Food on Friday', mid-day for 12.30pm start. Good two course meal + roll & butter and unlimited tea/coffee. Special diets can be catered for if requested in advance. Open to all ages; very friendly atmosphere; newcomers really welcomed, but please book places in advance by phoning June (01460 77057) or Jackie (01460 72324), who will also provide more information if required.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Flower Club have invited Jackie Nicholls to lead a workshop. She will be showing everyone how to make a Floral Card, an ideal gift for Easter! Non-members are invited but please contact Jackie Dadds on 01456221315 for details first.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Country Market patchwork demonstration at the Speedwell Hall, Abbey Street, TA18 7HY between 9 am and 11am. There'll be lots of homemade cakes and savouries, produce and crafts for sale. Refreshments, free entry and a warm welcome awaits.

CLAPTON: Wayford, a concert given by the Farey Family. A varied programme of folk, gospel and country music at St Michael and All Angels Church, 7.30pm .Admission £8 including refreshments. All proceeds in aid of church funds. Tickets/information call 01460 78020/72769.

KILMINGTON: Shady ladies and Sun Seekers by Mary Benger of Burrow Farm Gardens. Mary Benger will advise us on the best plants to choose for those difficult shady spots and the areas of full sun. Kilmington Garden Club, Kilmington village hall, Whitford Road Kilmington EX13 7RF 7.30pm Non members welcome £2.00

ILMINSTER: Meditation Group, 20 minutes of silence, at St Mary's Church. Newcomers or experienced meditators welcomed. Open to everyone, regardless of prior experience, faith or beliefs. 8.10am.

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

CHARD: Dancing with the Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Theme 'Easter's Nearly Here', at Chard Guildhall. 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door £6.

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'A Street Cat Named Bob' (12A), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

SOUTH PETHERTON: We are holding our Spring Sale from 10am to 12 noon at the Methodist Church. Entry is free and stalls will include cakes, preserves, toys, books & CDs, bric-a-brac, raffle & tombola. Refreshments will be served.

BEER: Wurlitzer Theatre Organ Show - Andrew Nix will present his varied repertoire of popular music at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer. The show starts at 2pm, admission £7 on the door, children free, everyone welcome. For further info visit www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk or phone 01297 24892.

YARCOMBE: Market, 10am-12noon. Cakes, cards, honey, bric-a-brac and lots more.

SEATON: St. Gregory's Church Easter Fair. From 10am to 12.30pm. At St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, Seaton. Come along and enjoy our stalls selling delicious cakes and jams, crafts, glassware, silver and wood crafts and other goodies. Refreshments available. Free entry. Easter Egg Hunt in Church! To book a table for £5, please contact Sharon on 01297 625875

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

COLYFORD: Indoor Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall. 9am-2pm. £5 a table. For more details call 01297 23591.

SOUTH PERROTT: Bingo in Coach & Horses Inn, South Perrott in aid of Church funds. Meat prizes. Eyes down 7;30pm. More information on 01935 891270.

MONDAY APRIL 10TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

BEER: Beer Film Society screening 'Arrivals'. Doors 7pm for 7.30pm screening. Bar, raffle, and ice cream. Members £3.50, non-members £5. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre – 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45am to 11.45am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

The stomping sounds of New Orleans jazz

THERE'S no need to hop on a transatlantic flight to hear the unique genre of music produced by the 'crescent city' of New Orleans' when the Sunset Café Stompers will bring it to your doorstep! Headed up by founder member and piano whizz Mike Denham, the Stompers boast a talented line up of musicians who specialise in playing exciting New Orleans jazz and on Friday, April 14th they will be doing so at Ilminster Arts Centre.

The band takes its name from The Sunset Café, a top nightspot on Chicago's infamous South Side. Al Capone owned it, Louis Armstrong starred there. The Sunset Cafe Stompers play the music of that period, including great tunes from Scott Joplin, Irving Berlin, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington and Fats Waller, but the band's wide repertoire also features songs made famous by artists as diverse as Patsy Cline, Marilyn Monroe, the Inkspots, Fats Domino and even Mr Elvis Presley.

The variety of music itself is significant, evocative of the elusive, shifting, pulse that defines the sound of New Orleans. The city has a tradition of bands being hired to attract a crowd, or to add spirit and generate excitement for all kinds of occasion. Since their foundation in Dorset in the early 1980s the Sunset Café Stompers have followed in that tradition: playing at festival and jazz clubs the length and breadth of the country, down to Cornwall and up to Cumbria, as well as wedding, funerals, garden parties and village halls.

Over the years the band personnel has changed and adapted but the current line up is Mike Denham (piano and band leader); Steve Graham (trumpet); John Coad (drums); Pete Middelton (trombone); Eddie Edwards (banjo); Pete Ward (bass); Mike Betts (clarinet and tenor sax).

Advance booking recommended for what promises to be a memorable evening of jazz at its most sublimely entertaining. Box Office 01460 54973.

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what's on this week...

R&D WORK-IN-PROGRESS PERFORMANCE:
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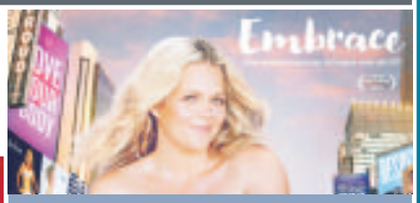
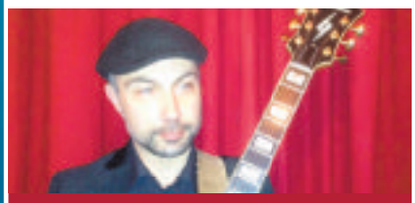
Friday 7th April / 6-7pm / Free
join our resident R&D theatre company as they invite feedback on their latest work co-produced by Marine Theatre

FILM: A UNITED KINGDOM
Wednesday 5th April / 7.30pm
Full price: £6 / Concessions: £5.00/ Cert. 12A
Tickets available on the door half an hour before the show starts



FILM: EMBRACE
Friday 7th April / 8.00pm / FREE



JAZZ IN THE BAR:
Sunday 9th April / 8.00pm
with jazz guitarist Jesse Molins and pianist Philip Clouts.

THEATRE SKILLS WORKSHOPS:
The Outbound Project
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April
two day devising intensive

Box Office: Lyme Regis TIC 01297 442138
or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

Comedy double at the Gateway

SEATON Drama Group are presenting a double bill of comedy one act plays on the evenings of April 12th and 13th, in the Seaton Gateway Theatre.

Stop and Run by Diana Raffle is a family comedy with an interesting twist in the tail, this will be followed by *The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley* by David Tristram a romping comedy in the true tradition of the Little Grimley plays. Tickets are £7.00 each and the doors will open at 7.00pm ready for a 7.30pm start. For ticket availability phone the Box Office on 01297 625699 or call in and book direct.

Anyone who is interested in joining our group can contact Linda Stone on 01297 624237 or any other member who will be able to give you further information.

■ Val Christmas as the Grumpy Mother Eileen in "Stop and Run". Others in this play are Margaret Leighton, Ed Dolman, Phil Christmas and Marilyn Sibley.

■ The Cast of "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley". From left to Right : Mick Redston, Liz Redston, Linda Stone and Ian Graig.

Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour is returning bigger than ever

THE Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is back in the UK and Ireland for 2017, with more screenings and more action than ever before.

The festival tour comes to Yeovil on April 25th at the Octagon Theatre.

"It's fantastic to be back with our biggest tour yet – a reflection of the enormous appetite for adventure that UK and Irish audiences have," says Tour Director Nell Teasdale.

"The Banff Tour is more than a series of exhilarating film nights. Each screening offers a real sense of community, bringing together people with a wide range of outdoor passions. And we guarantee that viewers will leave with new enthusiasm and inspiration for their own adventures too!"

The short films, starring the world's top adventurers on exciting journeys in mind-blowing destinations, are selected from hundreds of films entered into the prestigious Banff Mountain Film Festival held every year in the Canadian Rockies.

This year's UK and Ireland tour includes 14 hugely diverse films, featuring everything from tales of high-adrenaline action to poignant environmental documentaries. There's also a significant focus on women in adventure; and the collection stars a number of UK adventurers, as well as athletes and escapades from all over the globe.

The films are split between two different programmes, each lasting about 21/2 hours, with free prize giveaways at each screening. The tour is part of the wider Banff World Tour, which travels the globe each year, visiting nearly 50 countries and reaching more than 400,000 people worldwide.

The full film programme is available at www.banff-uk.com/films. For more information and to book tickets see www.banff-uk.com.

Kate Rusby to play Yeovil's Octagon Theatre next month

OF ALL the stars in folk music's wondrous firmament, few shine as brightly as Yorkshire's Kate Rusby. A career which spans across 25 years in music showcases her as one of the finest interpreters of traditional folk songs and one of our most emotive original songwriters.

Forever proud to call herself a folk singer, Kate's beautiful, expressive vocals never fail to connect the emotional heart of a song to that of her audience. The crossover appeal Kate enjoys is unprecedented for a folk singer and has been achieved without resort to compromise. Rusby's wondrous singing and hugely engaging Yorkshire wit and the intuitive support of the band ensure that audiences will be treated to a truly remarkable and unforgettable concert experience.

Audiences are sure to be thoroughly entertained by Kate's choice of much-loved classics from her back catalogue stretching over her two decades of music making together with a selection of fresh new songs from her latest album *Life in a Paper Boat* (autumn 2016 release). As ever, she will be joined on stage by the cream of British folk musicians who form her band. These virtuoso artists are sure to delight you with their exceptional talents.

Kate Rusby plays at The Octagon Theatre, Yeovil on Friday, May 19th. For more details call 01935 422884 or visit www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

Don't miss Magic of the Musicals

A RARE treat is in store for lovers of West End and Broadway shows when Axminster Musical Theatre is set to entertain theatre goers to their concert in Axminster Guildhall on Friday and Saturday, April 21st and 22nd at 7.30pm both evenings.

The programme of songs from the shows will feature solos, chorus numbers, choreography all performed by members of the Society and youngsters from Axminster Drama Club Youth and will be an exciting mix of songs from shows such as My Fair Lady, Miss Saigon to Blood Brothers and from their forthcoming production in November, South Pacific.

Tickets are available from The Archway Bookshop 01297 33595 or on line from tickets.axmt.co.uk at £10 each.

Seating is unreserved so arrive early to get your best seat for what promises to be an evening of pure pleasure!

Seaton Drama Group
presents
Two one-act comedies

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th April.
7.30 pm at the Gateway Seaton.
Tickets £7.00
available from the box office
Tel: 01297 625699

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AMT Axminster Musical Theatre

Diary Dates

MONDAY APRIL 10TH

HONITON: Honiton Art Society Meeting. Acrylic Landscape demonstration by Kate Cochrane. Awliscombe Village Hall, 2 to 4pm. Visitors and new members very welcome. Visitors £4

WHITELACKINGTON: Coffee Morning at Whitelackington Village Hall, 10am-2pm. Coffee and cake £2.50, and lunch of soup and cake is £5.

MUSBURY: Musbury Gardening Club talk by garden designer and horticulturalist Elizabeth Holman. Illustrated talk on how to renovate a tired garden at Musbury's Village Hall, 7.30pm. Refreshments served from 7pm. All welcome. Non-members £2.50.

ILMINSTER: Meditation Group, 20 minutes of silence, at St Mary's Church. Newcomers or experienced meditators welcomed. Open to everyone, regardless of prior experience, faith or beliefs. 8.10am.

TUESDAY APRIL 11TH

SIDMOUTH: East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Matthew Bason will perform at 7.30pm.

CREWKERNE: The Ile Valley Flower Club have a Flower Arranging Demonstartion presented by Susan Griffiths from Plymouth. Titled "Madam Du Paris". At Broadway Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm visitors and new memebrs welcome

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12TH

SEATON: Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Val Sutherland – A Letter from the Past. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome – come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

SEATON: Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

COLYFORD: Axe Valley Centre, National Trust. Talk on East Devon Pebbled Heaths and the Otter Valley by Sam Bridgewater. Colyford Memorial Hall 2.30pm. Non-members welcome £2.00 including refreshments.

CREWKERNE: Bingo – £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games – "eyes down" at 2.30pm at Henhayes Centre. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association skittles and pasty night at the Happy Return, East Street at 7pm for 7.30pm.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington Gardening Club meeting at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. A talk by Myra Cox - "Flower Arranging for Village Shows". Flower arranging materials will be on sale. Visitors welcome - £2 payable at the door. Refreshments available plus a raffle. For more information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

OFFWELL: Honiton Flower Club is hosting a flower arranging demonstration entitled 'A Floral Heart' by Charlotte Dawe, Area Demonstrator, at Offwell Village Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2.15pm start. Refreshments available and all welcome for a £5 admission fee.

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton. Talk by Mike Burks of Gold Club entitled "Container Gardening" . Also judging of Bulb Competition from October 2016. Visitors welcome, charge £2. to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

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CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 – 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

AXMINSTER: Whist Drive at the Axminster Heritage Centre, Bradshaw Room, Silver Street Axminster EX13 5A8 7.30pm Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and good prizes!

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH & SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

TATWORTH: 6th Tatworth Beer Festival at Tatworth Playing Fields. 4pm-10.30pm Friday, 4pm-11pm Saturday. Live music Saturday night with Grouvecat. BBQ available. Monies raised will contribute to the upkeep of recreational facilities for the village.

SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

SOUTH PETHERTON: Easter Family Fair, 11.00am - 5.00pm. Easter Egg Trail, Food Stalls, Dog Show with The Groom Room, Face Painting, Lambs, Chicks, Local Producers, Refreshments, Tractors, plus lots more! At Frogmary Green Farm. For more details call 01460 249758 or visit www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

OFFWELL: Easter Bingo in Offwell Sports and Social Club, Nr. Honiton, doors open 6.15pm eyes down at 7.00 pm. lovely prizes, good night out for all the family, proceeds to Offwell Sports and Social Club.

SEAVINGTON: Smokestack CMC held at the Millennium Hall. Music from Jeff Gallant Band. No bar, BYO. Free tea/coffee. For more details call 01935 881510.

MONDAY APRIL 17TH

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

SMEATHARPE: Whist Drive in aid of hall roof funds, 7.30pm. Good prizes and raffle. For more details call 01823 601296.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness April Meeting. Guest Speaker: Peter Knight on 'Dartmoor Mindscapes'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm - 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

STOCKLAND: Stockland Church Annual Brunch and Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon. Full English breakfast, followed by a footpath walk. All welcome.

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY APRIL 18TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

THURSDAY APRIL 20TH

CHARD: Chard Camera Club Members will be given a presentation by local photographer Matilda Temperly on images of Floods, Fashion and Circus. Anyone interested in seeing this presentation should come to the location for 7.30pm on the night. Any further information can be obtained via their website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or by contacting the acting members secretary Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst on 01460 68616

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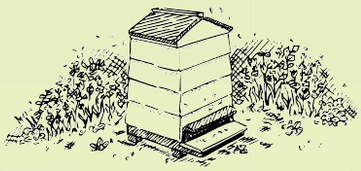
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Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Not your normal Wednesday at the boozer!

THIS week has been filled with sex, sex and more sex. Well, I don't mean me - I like to share my life with my readers, but even I realise that would be a step too far - no, I mean the shows I've seen this week have all been of the more debauched variety.

My first trip was down to the lovely Southwark Playhouse, just a few minutes from Waterloo. A musical called *The Life* is currently being performed there and it's a real must for musical theatre fans.

Yes, it is about prostitution, but nevertheless, it boasts a great story, fabulous music by Cy Coleman - who famously composed the music for *Sweet Charity* - and a fantastic cast including Sharon D. Clarke. Many will know Clarke from her recurring role in BBC1's *Holby City*, but I know her best as being the original Killer Queen in the musical *We Will Rock You,* and her voice is one of the richest and most dulcet I have ever heard.

I then popped down to a little pub theatre to see a show called *Escape the Scaffold*. I should know by now really, that if something has dystopia anyway near the plot description, I'm not going to understand it. I'm always left feeling a bit stupid if I've gone to a show and I don't know what's going on and I can see how, if it were your first experience of theatre, it might put you off. Oh, and the show also had some full frontal nudity-not something I was fully prepared for above a pub on a Wednesday afternoon!

■ **DAVID Tennant in Don Juan In Soho at the Wyndham's Theatre.** *Photo by Helen Maybanks.*

■ **SHARON D Clarke (second left) with the cast of The Life at Southwark Playhouse.** *Photo by Conrad Blakemore*

Luckily the next show on my agenda was easy to follow and extremely good. I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to see Broadchurch star David Tennant in *Don Juan* in Soho at the Wyndham's Theatre and he was utterly entrancing as the devilish dandy.

The role is a far cry from that of DI Alec Hardy, the Dorset crime-solving saint in *Broadchurch*, and instead shows Tennant's enviable range as an actor, with his immense comedy talent fully on display.

I finished the week with a trip down to Exeter's Northcott Theatre to review *Dracula: The Bloody Truth*, another comedy with a demonic anti-hero as its central character. The show is brand new and although there are a few things that could do with a bit more development, it promises to be a future hit.

Next week I'm interviewing the legendary Millicent Martin, who is filming with Joan Collins, Michael Ball, John Barrowman and Liz Hurley in the Sidmouth Area for a new film called *Melody The Musical*.

I've also had to choose between two shows I would like to see with Edward Albee's *The Goat or Who is Sylvia?*, starring Damian Lewis and Sophie Okonedo, and *42nd Street* both on the same night.

As much as I would love to see Damian Lewis, I'm afraid he's not as attractive to me as a stage filled with tap dancers and jazz hands, so I'm off to see Sheena Easton make her West End debut in *42nd Street* at my favourite London venue, the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. I will try to catch up on the Edward Albee play at another point if I can fit it in.

I'm also off to see a play at the National Theatre called *Consent*, which stars Ben Chaplin, who recently titivated television audiences with his performance alongside Emily Watson.

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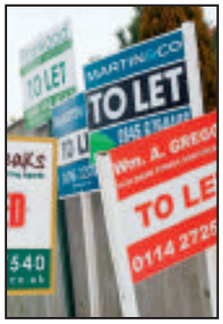

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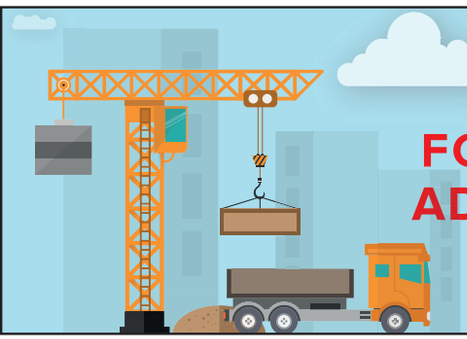

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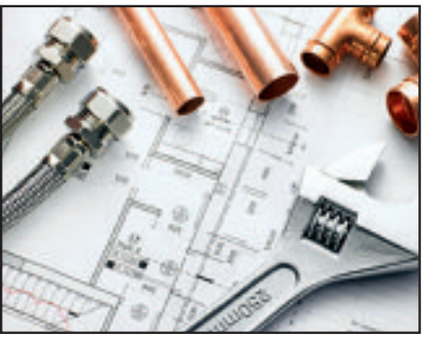

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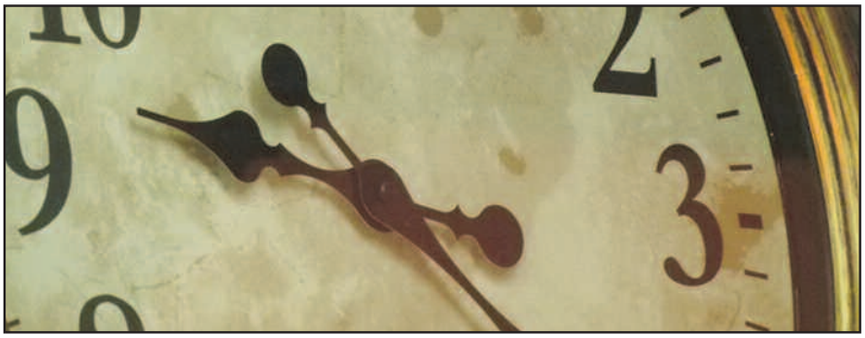

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Updated Golf GTE drives hybrid value

THE updated Volkswagen Golf GTE is open for order in the UK with a significant price realignment, two trim levels and a raft of new technologies on board.

Driving even greater value for money into a growing area of the UK market, the petrol-electric hybrid Golf GTE offers a compelling mix of engaging GTI-style dynamics, responsible e-Golf-style sustainability and generous GTD-style range.

The updated Golf GTE is now available with a choice of two new trim levels. The entry-level Golf GTE is joined by the new GTE Advance in a range line-up that now mirrors that of the award-winning Passat GTE.

The hybrid powered five-door Golf, with both a 150 PS 1.4-litre TSI petrol engine and a 102 PS (75Kw) electric motor for a system power output of 204 PS, unites economy and performance in a flexible and appealing package.

The total potential range of the Golf GTE is 514 miles and the GTE's battery gives an all-electric range of 31 miles. This opens up the possibility of driving significant distances cross-country using the TSI petrol engine and then completing the journey into a town or city under zero emission full electric power.

Official performance figures for the 204 PS Golf GTE show it capable of covering the 0-62 mph sprint in 7.6 seconds with a top speed, where legal, of 138 mph. CO2 emissions are 38g/km for the GTE and 40g/km for the GTE Advance, while combined fuel economy is 166 mpg for the GTE and 157 mpg for the GTE Advance.

Sitting alongside the range of the Golf GTE is its ability to offer high performance driving when required. A press of the centre console-mounted GTE button combines spirited acceleration that comes via the instant torque of the electric motor working alongside the broad power of the turbocharged petrol engine.

Both the updated Golf GTE and Golf GTE Advance are equipped with a host of premium features such as full LED front and rear lights with sweeping indicators, Active Info Display, and Volkswagen Car-Net App Connect functionality.

The GTE Advance adds further luxuries such as 18-inch Marseille alloys, the updated Discover Navigation system, a Winter Pack including heated seats, 65 per cent tinted windows, a front centre armrest and exterior e-sound.

The GTE offers four operating modes: 'E-Mode', 'GTE mode', 'Battery Charge' and 'Hybrid. In pure electric mode (activated at the press of a button), the Golf GTE can travel up to 31 miles emissions free. Electric power can also be saved – for example when driving to a zero-emissions zone. In electric mode, the GTE is capable of speeds of up to 81 mph.

The 8.7 kWh lithium-ion battery can be charged in 3.45 hours from a domestic mains outlet, or 2.15 hours from a domestic wallbox. The battery weighs 120 kg, giving a kerbweight of 1,615 kg.

The GTE also has an e-manager which allows the driver to preset vehicle charging, as well as interior cooling or heating. These functions can be operated remotely using the Car-Net app on a smartphone.

A full range of assistance and infotainment systems is also making its way into the Golf GTE. Thus the Volkswagen is available for the first time with Traffic Jam Assist (semi-autonomous driving up to 37 mph), the fully digital Active Info Display and the optional Discover Navigation Pro infotainment system including 9.2-inch display and gesture control.

Director of Volkswagen in the UK, Alison Jones, said: "The new Golf GTE – with its revised pricing and significantly enhanced appeal – perfectly represents Volkswagen's ongoing commitment to offering accessible hybrid technology in an attractive and usable package.

"The updated Golf GTE, sitting alongside the rest of the 113-model updated Golf range, is more than ever a genuine alternative for everyday driving and we are looking forward to seeing more private buyers, and fleet users, take the opportunity to explore its capabilities on UK roads."

For more details on all the cars in Volkswagen's updated Golf range, together with brochures and pricing and to use Volkswagen's online configurator, please visit www.volkswagen.co.uk.

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All new Nissan Micra: The revolution has begun

THERE is only one word to describe the All New Nissan Micra – revolutionary. Now in its fifth generation, this new model is a massive progression from the one it is replacing, and from the trio of highly successful superminis which date back to the Micra's debut in Europe in 1983.

The new Micra is longer, wider and lower than ever before. The car has been repositioned at the very heart of the ultra-competitive European B-hatchback segment.

Conceived, designed and engineered with those customers' requirements at the top of the agenda, Nissan has a clear ambition for the new Micra; it should re-establish itself inside the top 10 sellers in the segment, and compete head-to-head with the best and most popular in the class. Benchmarked against key rivals, Nissan believes the All New Micra meets and exceeds its targets.

Key to its appeal is the car's athletic and expressive exterior design, which moves the Micra name plate in a daring new direction. The contemporary look and premium feel continues inside, with a high-quality cabin that boasts two-tone soft-touch materials as standard across the range. Thanks to outstanding packaging, the five-door-only body shell boasts best-in-class ergonomics for front seat occupants, with no compromise to rear passenger space. The boot is big enough to easily cater for customers' needs.

The All New Nissan Micra is also a technology leader, with a number of 'in-control' features – the sort usually associated with more expensive models – now available for the first time. Not only are they new to the Micra, they're new to the segment. These include Intelligent Lane Intervention, a safety system which gently corrects the Micra back on to the right path should it be required.

Nissan's acclaimed Intelligent Around View Monitor camera system – as seen on the Qashqai and Juke crossovers – is also available on the Micra for the first time. These and other technologies are a clear demonstration of Nissan Intelligent Mobility, the brand's vision for a zero emissions and zero fatalities future.

For music fans, a highlight of the new Micra will be the BOSE Personal audio system. Unique to the B-hatchback segment, advanced speakers built into the driver's head rest put the driver at the heart of the listening experience.

The All New Nissan Micra is also a fantastic car to drive, with a dynamic performance that is the perfect balance between agility, excitement and the secure feeling that comes with confident and predictable handling.

The car is available with three downsized engines – two petrol and one diesel – all linked to a five-speed manual gearbox. Nissan's familiar five grades of Visia, Visia+, Acenta, N-Connecta and Tekna all feature a high level of standard specification.

Customers' desires to express their own personalities and design tastes through the new Micra will be another part of its appeal. The car will be available with a wide range of personalisation options, modifying the exterior and interior with premium components in a variety of stylish and contemporary colours.

Nissan's brand promise – Innovation that Excites – is evident in every part of the new Micra, and nowhere is that more obvious than with Nissan Intelligent Get&Go. It's a shared vehicle leasing scheme that is running as a pilot in Paris during 2017 and, if successful, will be extended to other countries.

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Crediton Utd	29	53
Torridgeside	32	51
Exeter University	27	39
Sidmouth Town	31	39
St Martins	31	37
Alphington	32	35
Bovey Tracey	31	32
Galmpton Utd	32	32
Liverton Utd	31	32
Totnes & Dartington	28	23
Budleigh Salterton	27	22
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D&E Premier (28)	Pld	Pts
Honiton Town	24	59
Newtown	23	57
Elmore	22	51
Okehampton Argyle	24	45
Heavitree Utd	21	41
Seaton Town	24	34
Topsham Town	24	32
Beer Albion	22	31
Feniton	23	31
Exmouth Amateurs	23	27
Newton St Cyres	26	26
Upottery	25	24
Clyst Valley	25	25
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Bow AAC	23	4

D&E Div 1 (20)	Pld	Pts
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Exeter University Res	19	38
Sidmouth Town Res	18	31
Lyme Regis	19	29
Exmouth Town Res	18	29
Witheridge Reserves	14	27
Colyton	19	26
Wellington Reserves	19	16
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Millwey Rise	24	34
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Awliscombe Utd	20	12

Match reports

Beer Albion 1
Honiton Town 1
Devon & Exeter Premier

BEER Albion achieved a very creditable and well-deserved 1-1 draw against table-toppers Honiton Town in a thrilling contest at the Furzebrake on Saturday *writes Richard Honnor.*

The Fishermen played out of their skins, first matching their talented opponents with some great football of their own and then, as the game progressed, producing a magnificent rearguard action to deny the Hippos the three points.

After an early scare when keeper Mark Rooke made a fine block after hesitancy in the Beer defence, the Fishermen tore into the Honiton defence. On five minutes a goalbound shot from Chris Long was deflected behind. From the resulting corner the Hippos scrambled the ball clear after a goalmouth melee.

Long then rattled the crossbar with a 25-yard free-kick before missing a great chance shooting over the bar from 15 yards.

The game was still only 10 minutes old when Beer spurned another chance as Simon Smith spooned his 20-harder high over the Honiton bar.

The Furzebrake faithful were beginning to think that Beer would pay dearly for these missed opportunities as Honiton began to settle and take the game to their hosts.

Honiton winger Chris Long (no relation to the Beer striker) blasted a 25-yard free kick over the bar, Rooke made a wonderful save on 18 minutes twisting in mid air to push a header from Hippo's striker Joe Mulhall over the bar.

On 23 minutes defender Shaun Denslow was injured after a strong 50-50 tackle, but he typified the Beer spirit as he carried on in considerable pain for the full 90 minutes making crucial blocks and winning important headers as Honiton piled on the pressure.

Back came the Fishermen, and on 32 minutes a through ball from midfield dynamo Hunt found Richard Walker whose shot from 20 yards had the Hippos keeper at full stretch. A minute later Beer had strong appeals for a penalty waved away when Honiton's centre back appeared to handle in the box.

But then hosts only had to wait a couple more minutes before going in front. Beer's Chris Long found Luke Bartlett who squared to Smith whose 20-yard effort took a cruel bounce in front of the Hippos keeper who could only help the ball into the net.

The Fishermen had a great chance to go two-up on 39 minutes but Bartlett hooked wide from close range.

The Fishermen knew that Honiton would come at them in the second half and defended deep conceding most of the possession to their opponents. It was a risky strategy as time and again Honiton's wide players got behind the Beer lines and delivered quality crosses into the Beer box. But the Fishermen's defence coped well under the mounting pressure.

The Hippos should have scored on 47 minutes when Mulhall headed over from eight yards and five minutes later a free kick skidded wide. The Fishermen survived another scare on the hour when a Honiton effort hit the underside of the crossbar.

The Hippos were now piling bodies forward into the box and the equaliser eventually came on 69 minutes, this time striker Mulhall beating Rooke with a firm header from another quality cross from Hippo's Chris Long.

Beer defended resolutely for the remaining 20 minutes to save a as the crosses rained in. Veteran centre back Mike Wheeler organised his defence superbly and deservedly received the man-of-the-match award for Beer. For Honiton winger Chris Long was outstanding.

Fishermen's player-boss Richard Walker was delighted with his players, he said: "They all worked so hard for each other today. I am particularly thrilled by how the young players have developed over the last year.

"I have told them that there is no reason why they cannot be challenging the likes of Honiton and Newtown in a couple of seasons if they continue to work as hard as they have done this season and learn from senior players."

Next week Beer can expect another tough home game against HEAVITREE UNITED. Kick-off at the Furzebrake is at 3pm and the match sponsor is Kenworthy and *Arbourne Builders of Beer.*

Millwey Rise 2 Winchester 3
Division Five

IN their final game of the season Millwey were edged out by the odd goal in three *writes Dick Sturch.*

Winchester went in front after 30 minutes when Matt Baker cleverly flicked the ball home from close range after the hosts had missed several opportunities.

But, at the other end, it was only some excellent interceptions by Zak Meaker and fine saves from keeper Nathan Hoole that allowed Millwey to go into the break just one down.

It took only five minutes in the second period for Rise to draw level when Nathan Womersley slotted the ball past the keeper.

Ten minutes later Winchester dissected Millwey's defence and Dec Vowden put the finishing touches to the move to score.

After this the game got a little frisky which was to Millwey's advantage as they pressed forward with first Alex Rocket and then Chris Lusby rattling the visitors' bar.

Womersley then brought out a great save from the keeper before, completely against the run of play, a breakaway saw Winchester increase their lead through Aplin.

Millwey again applied the pressure, hitting the upright, then a shot from Fraser Beament scraped the crossbar before another attack saw a cross from Chris Lusby guided the wrong side of the post by Jack Farrant.

Lusby then supplied an exquisite cross which Haydn Lewis headed powerfully past the Winchester keeper for the goal of the game.

This has been a difficult season for Manager Simon Flint, moving up a Division and without several of last season's players who made it so successful.

His determination to give all his team choices game time, including all the substitutes, is to be admired and will stand the team in good stead for the future.

In this game Meaker was outstanding in the middle of the back four. The Lewis brothers certainly made their presence felt in thwarting the visitors' attacks and keeper Hoole kept a possible victory within reach.

Amory Green Rovers Res 3
Millwey Rise Res 1
Division Nine

ON a pitch which quickly resembled a swamp, Millwey, playing their last game of the season, were undone by three self inflicted mistakes which gifted Amory the win.

Although the whole team contributed to a good all round performance under the conditions they were a goal behind at the break.

James Morgan reduced the arrears from the penalty spot early in the second period but a further two goals from the home side proved too much pull back.

Youngsters Liam Best, Jack Bennett and Henry Alexander Mitchell all excelled for Rise that once again highlighted the promising young talent the Club is developing for the future.

Memorial Match

ON Saturday, April 22nd Millwey Rise FC will have an afternoon in Memory of **Tony Miller** at Cloakham Lawns commencing at 2pm.

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There will be a BBQ, Penalty Shoot-Out Competition for the youngsters and music in the bar.

Round-up
with Collin Goodwin

HEAVITREE UNITED pulverised BOW AAC 13-1. Jordan Harris starred with four goals, Eliot Wells and Evra Yao on his debut scored twice, singles added by Dan Jones, Matt Byrne, Sonny Devine and Stuart Davies. The Bow reply came from Peter Steer.

ELMORE kept the pressure on the top two with a 5-2 win against SEATON TOWN, Jacob Rowe and Seth Wakeley netted the consolations.

CLYST VALLEY and FENITON shared a 5-5 draw, Chris Clow (2), Troy Membury (2) and Eliot Wells on target for Clyst.

OKEHAMPTON ARGYLE in great form put paid to EXMOUTH AMATEURS 7-0 with Brad Ausden getting a hat-trick. Dale Chadwick, Luke Mortimer, Alex Wren and Ed Squire also scored.

NEWTOWN had to fight back from 2-1 down to beat a gallant LYME REGIS 4-2 in the quarter final of the East Devon Senior cup.

Sam Day and Sam Pollard-Jones had the two Lyme goals, but Newtown, who scored in the first minute of both halves then took control. Dale O'-Donoghue, Ben Howard, Cory O'Donoghue and Luke Jones had the Newtown goals.

NEWTON ST CYRES bounced back after last weeks defeat to shatter a very disappointing TOPSHAM TOWN 5-0.

The only game played in Division Three saw HONITON fight back to draw 4-4 with AXMINSTER TOWN after being 3-1 down. Luke Finn, Sol Filleul, Gary Spiller and Joe Urquart netted for the Tigers.

Defeats for both CENTRAL and EXWICK VILLAGE have ruled them out of catching Division Six leaders Winkleigh who were not in action, but Central's 3-1 loss at LYME REGIS means that the Dorset side are now the only side who can deny the Winks.

Two Steve Batey goals - one a stunning header, the second a penalty which saw the visitors' end the game with 10-men, saw the Seasiders home.

RESULTS
MACRON DEVON & EXETER PREMIER
Beer Albion 1, Honiton Town 1.
Clyst Valley 5, Feniton 5.
Elmore 5, Seaton Town 2.
Heavitree Utd 13, Bow AAC 1.
Okehampton 4, Exmouth Amat 0.
Topsham Tn 0, Newton St Cyres 5.
DIVISION ONE
Alphington 1, Cronies FC 7.
University v Witheridge, post.
DIVISION TWO
Chagford 6, Dawlish 1.
Halwill v Dawlish United, post.
Newtown 0, Lympstone 1.
University 4, Heavitree United 2.
Woodbury v Cullompton Rgs, post.
DIVISION THREE
Hontiton Tn 4, Axminster Tn 4.
DIVISION FOUR
Morch Bishop 2, Sampford Peverell 4.
Priory 3, Kentisbeare 5.
Thorverton 5, Otterton 0.
University 0, Pinhoe 6.
Uplowman Ath 6, St Martins 0.
DIVISION FIVE
Crediton Utd 7, Newton St Cyres 1.
Feniton 1, Beer Albion 3.
Millwey Rise 2, Winchester 3.
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Starcross Gen 1, Whipton & Pinhoe 8.
DIVISION SIX
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FIXTURES
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DIVISION 5
Crediton United v Winchester

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Feniton v Offwell Rangers

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

TEN-man Hawkchurch United remain in contention in the Division One title race after winning 4-2 at Shepton Beauchamp Reserves.

James Melville put the Hawks ahead with his 41st goal of the season only for Tom Lock to cancel it out. Josh Short made it 2-1 but Shepton battled back with Jack Lyons squaring things up once again.

Short bagged his second before the visitors had keeper James Mitcham red carded by referee Steve Rider for handball outside of the area - a decision which both teams thought was harsh.

MoM Short completed his hat trick in the second half to clinch the win.

The downpour on Saturday afternoon saw the Ken Hodges Cup quarter finals between FARWAY UTD and Charmouth abandoned after 25 minutes.

The match had been switched from a waterlogged Eastlee Park to Axminster Town's second pitch at Tiger Way.

Finally, a Charlie Horn goal couldn't save FARWAY RESERVES from a 3-1 defeat at Thorncombe Reserves in Division Three.

football tables

D&E Div 6 (24)	Pld	Pts
Winkleigh	20	55
Exwick Village	22	47
Central FC	19	39
Hemyock	19	37
Lyme Regis Res	17	36
Halwill Reserves	20	33
Offwell Rangers	21	33*
Elmore Reserves	18	25
Tivvy Park Rangers	20	20
Stoke Hill	20	19*
Dunkeswell Rovers	21	18
Hatherleigh Res	21	7*
Silverton	22	5

D&E Div 7 (22)	Pld	Pts
Ilminster Town Res	21	53
Cranbrook	21	51
Wellington 3rds	21	48
Exmouth Spartans	20	37
Sidmouth Town 3rds	20	36
K&M Polonia Exeter	22	25
Bickleigh Reserves	19	23
Cheriton Fitzpaine	20	22
Seaton Town Res	19	20*
Woodbury Reserves	20	19
Colyton Reserves	19	10
HT Dons	22	7

D&E Div 8 (22)	Pld	Pts
Upottery Reserves	20	48
Bravehearts	20	46
Axminster 3rds	22	44*
Queen's Head	22	37
Kentisbeare Res	21	34
Bampton Reserves	21	33
Lapford Reserves	21	31
Newton Popp'd Res	22	26
Amory Green Rovers	21	20
Seven Stars Kenn'd	21	12*
Bradninch	22	11*
Sandford Reserves	19	11

D&E Div 9 (18)	Pld	Pts
St Martins 3rds (C)	18	37
Witheridge 3rds	18	35
Chagford Reserves	18	34
Millwey Rise Res	18	29
East Budleigh Res	18	29
Honiton Town 3rds	18	29
Tedburn St Mary Res	18	21
Amory Green Res	18	20
Central FC Reserves	18	15
Feniton 3rds	18	7

Perry St Prem (18)	Pld	Pts
Barrington	15	37
Beaminster	15	34
South Petherton	16	34
Shepton Beauchamp	14	29
Misterton	15	26
Winsham Utd	14	20
W & M Chinnock	14	10
Chard Utd	14	9
Combe Reserves	16	6*
Netherbury	15	6

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Pymore	13	27
Forton Rangers	13	26
Merriott Rovers	13	26
Waytown Hounds	14	26
Hawkchurch Utd	12	25
Ilminster Colts	18	25
Uplyme	13	14
Shepton Beau Res	16	14*
Combe A	13	7*
South Petherton Res	14	2

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	14	32
Halstock	13	30
Winsham Utd Res	15	28
Farway Utd	13	27
Charmouth	16	26
Dowlish & Donyatt	15	18
Thorncombe	16	15
Kingsbury Episcopi	15	12
Crewkerne Rangers	13	11
Chard Utd Reserves	14	7

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Misterton Reserves	18	44
Forton Rangers Res	14	36
Uplyme Reserves	15	36
Merriott Dynamos	16	27
Ilminster Town A	18	26
Thorncombe Res	17	25
Crewk Rangers Res	17	23
Fivehead	16	23
Lyme Regis Rovers	15	17*
Chard Rangers Res	17	11
Farway Utd Res	17	9
Chard Utd All Stars	16	2*

tee off golf news

Dyer and Couch have last laugh in HaHa Competition

CRICKET ST THOMAS
with Bert Robinson

FORTY seniors took part in the March monthly stableford qualifier on Monday in spring like conditions. The favourable weather assisted the golfers in achieving reasonable scores with five members finishing below par.

Results: Division One – 1st Rod Stevens (40 points), 2nd Terry Rutherford (37), 3rd Bob Barrow (35).

Division Two – 1st Tony Stenhouse (40), 2nd Robin Flower (37), 3rd Jerry Stephens (37).

Meanwhile, the Senior Saints match team entertained Sidmouth.

Result: Roger Stone & Lindsay Gage won 4&3, George Wallace & Roger Davis won 3&1, Barrie Heath & Andy Beale won 3&2, Ian Griffiths & Peter Spencer-Farr won 3&1, Keith Potter & John McOmish won by 2 holes, John Pearce & Nobby Hodder lost 3&2.

On Friday 34 pairs entered the March Hare competition the first of the seniors' major competitions.

Conditions were tough due to strong winds, and the putting surface was bumpy. Consequently the scoring was inferior to the norm.

Result: Winners - Peter Spencer-Farr & Ian Housman 43 points, runners up: Trevor Dobson & Dave Porter 41.

■ **WELL DONE:** Honiton Golf Club's Circus Shield is presented by Mark Parkinson (left) to winner Darren Morgan

HONITON *with John Pawley*

EARLY last week the greens staff took the opportunity granted by some good weather to work on some of the greens.

Despite this, 26 players took part in this month's drawn mixed greensomes on Tuesday. The victorious couple was Susan Hyde & Barry Rogers with 38 points, winning the Centenary Goblets.

They were followed by Sue Kelson & Paul Ritchie (37), Dot Grove & Stan Squire (35) and Linda Northover & Max Pipe (34).

■ **TOP TRIO:** March Hare winners at Cricket St Thomas Golf Club; Peter Spencer-Farr (centre) & Ian Housman (right) with captain Roger Stone.

The ladies competition had to be called off mid-round due to fog. Next week a 14 hole shotgun start, fun competition precedes the Spring Fair.

The Seniors had two away matches last Tuesday. Alan Pollock took a team to play in the Jurassic Challenge at Lyme Regis where they completed just a few holes before the match was fogged off.

Captain Mike Sennitt had much better weather for the first friendly of the year where they went down 4-2 at Tiverton.

Meanwhile, nearly 60 seniors competed on Friday in the last round of the Eclectic which was coupled with a Stableford competition.

A number of temporary greens meant that the competition was a non-qualifier. Alex Neil blitzed the course with 42 points.

Next in Division Two was John Pawley with 37 followed by Bob Cleal and John Chew, both with 35.

The Division One winner was Paul Ritchie with 37 followed by Mike Stroud (36), Alan Devenny (35) and Bill Eaton (34). Three twos' on the second by Alan Richardson, Tom Stanton and Alan Devenny were matched by Bob Cleal's two on the 10th.

The winter circus competition reached its finale on Saturday in appalling conditions. This year's winner of the converted Circus Shield for the highest number of points was Darren Morgan. The player achieving the most birdies during the whole competition was Ross Latchem.

The final of the HaHa competition took place on Sunday morning when the pairing of Elliot Dyer & Lewis Couch triumphed over Wally Ritchie & Tim Denne of 3&1.

The Sun Am matchplay has reached the semi final stage where Paul Vaughan & Dave Mitchell overcame Rob Willey & James Drew 2up, and Ian Piper & Julian Bacon beat Keith Crane minus his partner Ian Guy, 4&2.

on the fronter around the local skittles leagues

COLYTON

Div 1; Lamb B 344 (B Dicks 65) Colcombe A 320 (G Millman 62); Gerrard A 345 (S Perry, T Underdown 64) Honiton Con D 345 (M Wheaton 62); Colyton Club A 341 (P Clode 64) Cloakham B 350 (M Enticott 63); Seaton FC A 383 (M Pavey 80) Red Lion A 343 (Jo Flint 65); Vine B 339 (D Blackmore 61) Axminster Con A 340 (C Sharpe 62); Red Lion Cavaliers 368 (D Thompson 67) Tuckers Arms B 382 (K Tratt 72); New Inn A 348 (D Jones 73) Lamb A 347 (P Pomeroy 67);

Div 2; Honiton Converts 387 (J Dawes 74) Honiton WMC A 383 (M Cardy 80); Eagle Tavern 361 (B Hutchings 68) Dolphin Vikings 339 (S Morris 62); Wheelwright A 342 (K Morely 65) Gerrard B 323 (A Clode 61); Sidbury Stones 343 (N Hill 69) Kings Arms Beers 333 (J Gladstone 60); Ship C 361 (R Gush, B Webber, N Ostler 63) Volunteer A 376 (M Woollacott 75); Colcombe Beerboys 375 (C Vine 77) Offwell A 402 (J Lockyer 81); Tuckers A 358 (D Dower 71) Vine A 357 (Joy Davenport 70);

Div 3; Mountbatten Whites 329 (A Webb 60) Village Inn A 347 (J Smith 69); Three Tuns BTP 292 (Roz Williams 57) White Hart B 292 (P Gibbons, D Etherington 52); Wilmington Harts 364 (J Woollacott, K Gibbs 69) Vine Nomads 365 (D Norman 66); Volunteer B 311 (N Broom 64) Ship A 336 (P Ives 77); Cloakham Wanderers 359 (C Coulson 68) Red Lion Sidbury 361 (J McQueen 66);

Div 4; Rising Sun A 346 (T Churchill 65) Honiton ConArtists 350 (P Dale 64); Honiton WMC B 325 (J Smith 60) Winstons A 345 (E Maxwell 64); Tuckers Arms C 360 (R Dare 69) New Inn B 348 (S Davey 71); Honiton Con A 336 (T Bennet 62) Heathfield A 337 (A Doble 66); Kings Arms A 346 Seaton FC B 339 (Lizzie Furber 61);

Div 5; White Hart A 341 (B Parr 61) Seaton Bowling 309 (T Hurley-Smith 59); Sidmouth Arms Kings 341 (O Fuller 64) Kingfisher B 342 (B Dowell 67); Dolphin B 336 (G Langham 60) Tuckers Arms D 339 (D Bennett 63); Heathfield B 326 (Gill Quick 63) Colyton Club B 393 (J Richards 77); Winstons KOOTS 319 (J Miles 63) Colcombe Nomads 353 (M Facey 66).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Con A	23	31
New Inn A	23	30
Gerrard A	23	28
Red Lion Cavs	23	28
Honiton Con D	23	27
Lamb B	23	26
Seaton AFC A	23	24
Tuckers B	23	23
Vine B	23	22
Colyton Club A	23	21
Red Lion A	23	19
Colcombe A	23	16
Cloakham B	23	14
Lamb A	23	13

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Offwell A	23	32
Volunteer A	23	31
Sidbury SC Stones	23	28
Vine A	23	28
Ship C	23	25
Honiton Converts	23	24
Gerrard B	23	22
Honiton WMC A	22	21
Wheelwright A	22	21
Dolphin Vikings	23	20
Tuckers Arms A	23	19
Eagle Tavern	23	18
Colcombe Beerboys	23	15
Kings Arms Beers	23	14

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Vine Nomads	19	25
Sidbury Village Inn	20	25
Wilmington Harts	20	22
Kingfisher A	19	20
Cloakham Wanderers	20	20
Volunteer B	20	20
Red Lion Sidbury	19	19
White Hart B	20	19
Colcombe B	19	16
Mountbatten Whites	19	16
Three Tuns BTP	19	15
Ship A	18	14

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Rising Sun A	19	31
Kings Arms A	19	26
Axe Inn A	19	25
Heathfield A	19	24
Seaton AFC B	19	18
Honiton Con A	19	17
Honiton Con Artists	19	16
New Inn B	20	16
Rising Sun B	20	16
Winstons	20	16
Honiton WMC B	20	15
Tuckers Arms C	21	13

Division Five	Pld	Pts
Colcombe Nomads	20	36
Colyton Club B	19	34
Offwell Rejects	20	26
Seaton Bowling	20	26
Sidmouth Arms Kings	19	20
White Hart A	19	18
Winstons Koots	20	18
Dolphin B	19	16
Kingfisher B	19	16
Heathfield B	19	10
Honiton Con Raiders	19	6
Tuckers Arms D	19	6

AXMINSTER

Men's League

Div 1; Tuckers C 368 Green Army 390 (M Pidgeon 75), Thorncombe Drifters 387 (J Collins, C Wyatt 70) Old Inn Kilm A 326 (M Collier 63), B&Gs 347 (M Enticott 67) Kingfisher Feds 366 (L Tooze 73), Ax Con Rebels 298 (P Pomeroy, W Phillips 57) Gerrard D 288 (J Channon 52), Sidmouth Arms 380 (N Parris 75) Thorncombe B 379 (C Atyeo 75), Red Lion D 374 (D Thompson, T Herbert Jnr 69) Red Devils 400 (J Herbert 75), Wootton Cowboys 328 (R Hedditch 63) Lamb Spartans 348 (C Miller 70).

Div 2; Gerrard A 368 (J Richards 66) WH Wilm A 352 (P Jeffery, R Perkins 62), Ax Inn Jokers 363 (Doug Churchill 70) New Inn A 326 (M Williamson 70), Cloakham Stars 360 (D Baker 74) Thorncombe C 375 (T Ellis 74), New Inn C 370 (K Smith 71) Tuckers Maggots 334 (D Godwin 60), Lamb A 340 (D Jones 69) Wootton Sherberts 302 (Don Tolley 58), WH Warriors 332 (M MacGarrigle 57) Colcombe A 337 (J Batten, N Bond 64).

Div 3; WH Wilm B 390 (J Hoad, D Thomas 70) Ax Inn A 351 (B Margetts 74), Ax Fc A 420 (D Sloman 81) Ax Fc IV 428 (J Mitcham 84).

Div 4; Gerrard C 330 (M Macaskill 66) Lamb Shanks 324 (R Lancashire, P Patemore, T Deem 59), Tuckers Y 363 (M Searle 82) Ship Rotary 362 (R Woolland 68), Lamb 49rs 306 (J Ellis 62) Bev's Boys 293 (K Parsons 55), Colcombe Nomads 430 (R Gush 83) WH Colyford 374, New Inn Hawks 327 (D Lucas 63) Winston Wobblers 327.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Ax Con Club Rebels	24	38
Lamb Spartans	24	34
B & Gs	24	31
Sidmouth Arms	24	30
Wooton Cowboys	24	28
Tuckers C	24	26
The Feds (Kingfisher)	24	24
Green Army	24	24
Red Lion Red Devils	24	22
Thorncombe B	24	22
Thorncombe Drifters	24	19
Red Lion D	24	14
Gerrard D	24	12
Old Inn Kilmington A	24	12

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Thorncombe A	23	34
Wooton Sherberts	24	34
New Inn Kilmington C	24	28
Axe Inn Jokers	24	28
Colcombe A	24	28
Thorncombe C	23	26
Tuckers Maggots	24	26
Red Lion C	20	22
White Hart Warriors	23	21
White Hart Wilm A	24	20
Gerrard A	24	18
New Inn Kilm A	24	18
Cloakham Stars	24	14
Lamb A	23	11

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Axminster Inn B	21	30
Axminster FC IV	22	26
Gerrard B	21	26
King Wingers	21	24
Old Inn Kilmington B	21	24
Axe Con Club A	20	24
Kings Arms Seaton A	21	22
White Hart Wilm B	22	22
Axminster Halfcuts	21	20
Axminster FC A	23	18
Axminster Inn A	22	17
Colcombe B	22	13
Axminster FC B	21	12

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Lamb 49s	22	37
Colcombe Nomads	22	30
Lamb Shanks	21	26
Seaton Bowling Club	19	24
New Inn Hawks	22	22
Winston Wobblers	19	20
Bev's Boys	19	18
Kingfisher A	21	18
Ship Rotary	20	17
Gerrard C	20	14
Tuckers Y	20	14
Bottle Inn (Withdrawn)	11	8
White Hart Colyford	18	8

Ladies League

Div 1; New Inn A 306 (H Hopewell 60) Gerrard Guzzlers 293 (M Craker, R Hallworth 56), Red Lion A 366 (J Flint 87) Ax Inn A 336 (S Gage 62), Rousdon Ladies 335 (K Satterley 69) Colcombe A 326 (S Foxwell 61), Seaton BC 309 (H Smith 55) Bees Knees 282 (K Lloyd-Hughes 53), Wotnots 364 (B Crispin 74) Thorncombe Newtops 368 (M Taylor 70).

Div 2; Cloakham A 339 (C Carslake 61) WH Wilm A 327 (J Bishop, S Laflin 57), Gerrard A 311 (J Page 60) Red Lion Rabble 331 (T Hooper 59), Ax Inn Allsorts 270 (R Enticott 53) B&Js Cloakham 301 (B Roberts 57), Colcombe Angels 339 (B Bracey 61) Tuckers B 341 (A Bennett 64), Thorncombe A 320 (A Daley 59) Ax Fc Battleaxes 307 (S Bennett 54), Tuckers A 303 (L Gould 63) Seaton FC 280 (M Dack 59).

Ladies Division One	Pld	Pts
Axe Inn A	20	34
Wotnots	20	32
Seaton Bowling Club	20	28
Red Lion A	20	26
Rousdon Ladies	21	23
Colcombe A	21	22
New Inn A	20	16
Colcombe Girls	20	15
New Inn B	20	14
Gerrard Guzzlers	20	13
Bees Knees	21	13
Thorncombe Newtops	21	8

Ladies Division Two	Pld	Pts
Cloakham A	22	32
Tuckers Arms B	22	30
Gerrard A	23	28
B & Js	22	26
Battle Axes	22	25
Colcombe B	22	24
Seaton FC	22	23
White Hart Wilm A	23	22
Tuckers Arms A	22	20
Thorncombe A	22	19
Colcombe Angels	22	17
Axe Inn Allsorts	22	12
Red Lion Rabble	22	10

Crewkerne & District

Divisional Cups SF (March 31st)

Division One; Lost Boys v Super Sexy Six (Royal Oak, Crewk), Royal Oak Drimpton v Coachmen (GRC Wall).

Division Two: Fryers v Muppets (Royal Oak Drimpton), Rugrats v Ugly Ducklings (White hart, Crewk).

Division Three: Admiral 6 v Royal Chokers (GRC window), Willy Low Flyers v Kings Men (Merriott Social).

ILMINSTER & DIST

Division One	Pld	Pts
Cricketers	15	101
Flying Turkeys	14	98
Rockey's Rollers	14	95
Crown Crusaders	14	88
Flying Turkeys A'Stars	13	85
Ashill Inn	14	84
Wyndham Warriors	14	76
Nomads	14	66
Hatch Beagles	14	63

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Bell Broadway	14	112
Bell A	14	104
Kings Head	13	97
Royal Oak Faces	14	96
Floaters	13	85
Ashill Boys	13	79
Ilton Choppers	13	76
Wyndham Clangers	13	47
Hatch Eggs	15	24

EAST DEVON HUNT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Marvels	24	34
Culm Vale	22	30
Honiton Clyst	23	26
Talaton	23	26
Ur Arrs	21	24
Blacksmiths	22	24
Sutton Wanderers	23	24
Foxenhole	23	22
Night Owls	23	21
Auctioneers	23	21
Marsh Green	23	20
Stags	23	20
Sidford	20	12
Upottery	22	10

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Latecomers	21	30
Jack's Lads	20	28
Keepers	21	28
A Team	22	26
Perkins Village	19	23
Zulu Warriors	20	23
Cocks & Hens	20	22
Top Cats	20	19
Breakaways	21	19
Tuckers Arms	20	17
Awliscombe Shoot	19	15
Brooksiders	21	12
Bakers 8	22	4

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Bashers	17	29
New Inn	20	28
Yetties	17	24
Broadclyst	19	24
Guys & Gals	22	24
Goldtops	20	21
Here for the Beer	21	20
Axe Valley	21	19
Maynards	17	16
Yoyo's	20	16
Cee Dee's	21	14
Alley Cats	21	12
Earth Stoppers	18	7

Top Scores; M.Hogg (Sidford) 118, John Preston (New Inn) 96.

starter's orders running news

Local runners toil in Taunton sunshine

Axe Valley Runners *with Dave Mutter*
THE glorious weather for the TAUNTON Half and Full Marathons meant that instead of looking for long sleeved shirts to wear people were starting to think about sun screen!

AVR had the double act of Steve Reynolds and Geoff Woodward in the marathon. Woodward just edged the inter club battle finishing 103rd in 3:54:32, while Reynolds was 111th in 3:59:53.

The half was also a success, Peter Knox and Rachel Grant completed their first ever 13.1 mile race.

First AVR home was Matt Hewer 45th in a new PB of 1:26:12.

Knox was 384th in 1:51:54 while Elizabeth Ricketts and Rachel Grant finished together in 600th, 2:04:12.

James Ashforth ran in the ASICS GREATER MANCHESTER marathon and smashed his PB finishing 4,125th out of 8,686 in 3:58:49.

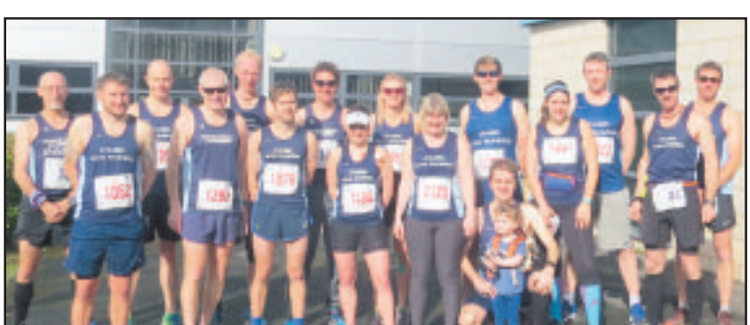
Ethan and dad Jonathan Day completed the DAWLISH NOVICE AQUATHLON with Ethan finishing 2nd having done a much faster swim than last time. Jon was 3rd and would like to thank Team Pure Endurance Triathlons for all their brilliant help, advice and Training.

There were lots of first timers at the SEATON PARKRUN on Saturday including winner Oliver Thorogood of Aberystwyth AC who completed in 17:13. Laurence Edgley was 2nd, 17:59 and James Cope 3rd, 18:43. Jane Beech of N1 Tri club was the ladies winner, 14th overall in 22:36 and 138 completed the event.

Chard Road Runners
with Paul Masters
THIS weekend saw CRR's taking on the TAUNTON Half and Full marathon and the Devonshire Dumpling starting off at from Budleigh Salterton

With both the Half and Full starting at the same time this was a crowded race from the off.

Wayne Loveridge crossed the line in 01:15:25 6/1000, Kenny Timson 01:22:57 PB 28th/1000, Martin Holley 01:27:49 PB 54th, Andrew Leeson 01:28:46 67th, Nina Wagstaff 3rd in Cat 01:30:01, Nina Wagstaff 01:30:01 82nd, James Wagstaff 01:35:02 122nd, Rtan Hebron-Wheatley 01:38:34 157th, James Gibbons 01:39:43 184th, Adrian Male 01:40:21 185th, Stevie Potter 01:40:28 187th, Darren Murphy 01:54:07 412th, Neil Adams 01:56:53 457th, James Musselwhite 01:58:16 508th, Emma Male 01:59:46 526th, Helen Baxter 02:23:11 830th, Melanie Boarder 02:26:14 848th, Elizabeth Smith 02:29:19 880th, Miranda Coleberd 02:36:41 914th.



■ **CHARD UP TO THE CHALLENGE:** Chard Road Runners pictured at sun-kissed Taunton at the weekend.

5 CRR's ran the Marathon; Roddy McLean 28th 03:13:10, Bernie Genge 38th 03:16:18, Jeremy Taylor 46th 03:24:13, Stuart McLean 65th 03:36:54, Paul Masters 71st 03:42:13.

Finally, in the 27-mile DEVONSHIRE DUMPLING self navigation race on Woodberry Common Gavin Wyatt finished in 761st Vanessa Knowles 2:03, 817th Clare Melbourne 2:06, 818th Karen Lister 2:06, 921st Kathy Layzell 2:12 and 960th Debbie Vinnicombe 2:14. The race was won by Chris Southern in 1:13.

On Sunday, Andy Ashford finished 315th of 971 in 1:48 in the TAUNTON Half Marathon.

Honiton Running Club
with Judy Davey
SEVERAL members took part in the recent YEOVIL Half Marathon.

The race took place on a sunny day, with a large field of nearly 1300 finishers. Jennie Sleeman was first back for Honiton coming 477th in 1 hour 53 minutes.

Other results: 744th Anna Dalzell 2:02,

Howard Bidmead ran the WOKINGHAM 10k which was two laps of the Dinton Pastures Country Park finishing 29th in 47m 40s and was 3rd male V50. There were 195 finishers and the race was won by Simon Millet of Windsor Slough Elton & Hounslow AC in 33m 51s.

darts chard & district

Premier Division	Pld	Pts
High 4 & a Half	13	260
Rejects Return	12	223
Wanderers	12	168
BDBs	12	162
Crusaders	12	161
Hobnobs	13	146
Happy Sharks	12	115
Hopefuls	12	110

Most 180s; L.Cox 10, P.Lawrence 9, , G.Hill 5, S. Mainwaring 4, S.Rutter 3 & L.Roper 3, eight players 2, 13 players 1.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	15	189
Random Tossers	14	160
Pop Darts	14	157
Down's	14	143
PAs	14	138
Pig Jockeys	14	125
Cult of Personality	14	119
Pirates	15	110
Nice Ricks	14	94

Most 180s; A.Sharp 4, S.Castle, S.Davis & M.Ballance all 2, 14 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
HRT	13	164
Madhouse Crew	13	151
Happy Days	14	142
Stumpy's Gang	12	135
Dizzy Tarts	12	122
The Haymaker	12	87
No skill, just lucky	12	80
Two minute crew	12	77

Most 180s; D.Mears 2, A.Pidgeon, A.Mather, B.Allen, R.Davies A.Sprake & K.Tovey all x1.

Please send your sports news and photographs to: *howard@viewnews.co.uk*

boxing chard

Back-to back wins

■ **DOUBLE WIN:** Spencer Ayers

CHARD Boxing Club member Spencer Ayers is hitting some real form. The 11-year-old from Yarcombe defeated opponents from Plymouth and Torbay & Bodmin clubs and is clearly developing into quite a prospect.

scrum down chard rugby

WITH GLYN HUGHES

Neighbours serve up Friday night feast

Chard 33
North Petherton 38
South West One

THIS was a pulsating game played in front of a crowd exceeding the 500 and fully justified the experiment of playing this local derby under lights on a Friday evening.

The crowd included a large contingent from Pethy, and the blinkered view of the game from both sets of very vociferous supporters added to the spicy atmosphere, not to mention the six cards and 11 tries!

Chard gave colts' winger Emile Szydelko his senior debut but the visitors on the scoreboard after six minutes when flanker Carl Brown powered over for an un converted effort.

The game changed just before the 20-minute mark when Chard took a penalty in front of the posts very quickly instead of taking the easy three points on offer and scrum half Siljeur crossed for a try converted by Oesman.

This was quickly followed by try number two when a stunning move from deep in their own half was completed by full back Ben Stead. Oesman again added the extras.

Chard got a third converted try when back row forward Will Hopkinson broke clear from some loose play to make the score 21-5

Things became heated in the final minutes before half time and in two separate altercations two players from each side were sent to the bin to cool off!

Pethy pulled a score back when James Taylor crossed for a try converted by Olly James.

This was quickly followed by a home player being shown a red that clearly did not do Chard any favours for the rest of the game. The game had been very competitive but some of the cards had been debatable to say the least.

Chard, leading 21-12 at half time, lost hooker Ben Robinson after he had made a terrific tackle and Petherton were right back into the mix when Brown went over for his second try again converted by James to make it 21-19.

Chard were under the cosh for a spell but their forwards got them back into the game and opted to take five metre scrums following a number of infringements which could well have led to a penalty try.

However, Mika Hartley got over for a fourth bonus point try that was again converted by Oesman.

Now trailing 28-19 in a fantastic game, Petherton got back to within two points with a converted try from Nic Sestaret and then took the lead 28-31 with another unconverted try from Henry Gliddon.

It looked as if Chard were finished but another wonderful counter attack from deep in their own 22 saw Johnson cross for Chards fifth try.

But in the final minutes of the game Sam Williams broke through to get the decisive try to win the game for the visitors, but there was more as a Pethy player was shown a second yellow and subsequently a red in one of the final plays of the match.

This was a great game, yielding two bonus points, but if they can compete like this why are Chard in the position they find themselves in?

A long time injury list is a factor but quite simply they seem unable to replicate their home form on their travels.

***Note**: the Chard 2nd xv game v Yeovil schedued for Saturday, April 15th will now be played tomorrow (Wednesday) at 7 30pm.*

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HONITON
RESULTS Singles Competition (March 23rd, held at the Honiton Workingmens Club) - Winner Honiton Inn B, Runner Up, Workingmens A.

March 30th - Knock Out Cup Semi-Final (first leg)
New Fountain 6 Honiton Inn B 2, Vine Inn A 6 Vine Inn B 2.

Dan Downs Plate Quarter-Final
Blacksmith Arms 15 Feniton Soc A 9, Thirsty Farmer 11 Workingmens A 13, Workingmens B 17 Honiton Inn A 7.

FIXTURES
April 6th
Knock Out Cup Semi-Final (second leg)
Honiton Inn B v New Fountain - match to be played at the New Fountain Inn, Vine Inn B v Vine Inn A.

Dan Downs Plate Semi Finals
Workingmens Bv Blacksmith Arms, Feniton Soc B v Workingmens A.

FIXTURE
Doubles Competition April 13th
Teams please note, venue for the doubles competition 7.30pm start has been re-arranged and is now to be held at the Vine Inn Honiton.

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New League underway

THE Perry Street & Sadborow League kicked off on Sunday and some great weights were recorded amongst the 24 entrants.

Sadborow; 1st Les Braunton (Chard) 115lb 2oz, 2nd Steve Bishop (Chard) 99lb, 3rd Steve Chant (Chard) 78lb 2oz.

Perry Street; 1st Shane Jeffery (Chard) 41lb 10oz, 2nd Mike Hosgood (Exeter) 38lb, 3rd Steve Bush (Chard) 32lb 10oz.

jack high bowls news and round-up

HONITON *with Julie Grant*
KIERAN Daniels and Scott Eveleigh of Exonia ,who started their bowling careers at Honiton, helped **Devon Under 25s** win the England Inter County final 34-31 against Lincolnshire 34-31 on March 26th.

In last week's friendlies Honiton won 46-43 at EXONIA but they had to borrow a home player.

The top rink included was June Lee, Laraine Carless & Heather Chambers 21-10.

At BUDLEIGH the Honiton ladies lost 34-41 but had a narrow victory for Yvonne Williams, Joan Mackintosh, Margaret Bright & Heather Chambers 22-20.

At home against Budleigh Honiton won 64-46 with a top rink of Elizabeth Fielding, Joan Mackintosh, Carol Armitage & Richard Bland 32-11.

CHARD *with Paul Avery*
CHARD SMB defeated visitors ODCOMBE 46-32 in a friendly last Monday.
Details: Ena Stringer, Jenny Cornelius & Phil Stringer 8-7; Dot Ducker, Rosie Barnard & Stan Ducker 22-2; Gillian Leighton, Stan Ducker & Vic Barnard 5-14; Margaret Flynn, Jenny Cornelius & Roy Vaux 11-9.

The Milford & Dormor Mixed Triples League has now finished. The winners were the Harlequins from Chard; despite losing their final game to Trull who secured the runners-up position. This league is open to all local clubs and new teams will be welcomed.

Latest results: Harlequins 17 Musbury 13, Musbury 13 Hurricanes 11, Harlequins 10 Trull 11, Canaries 8 Greyhounds 17, Harlequins 19 Hurricanes 11, Canaries 14 Hurricanes 11.

Chard is making final preparations for the opening of its outdoor green which takes place on Saturday.

AXMINSTER *with David Harris*
STEVEN Apsey has capped a fine season by being part of the **Devon Under-25** side who recently beat Lincolnshire 34-31 to become the National Champions.

Meanwhile, our Ladies beat visiting MADEIRA 68-37 in a friendly with wins for Brenda Edwards, Jo Barnish & Margaret Crompton (33-5) and Barbara Mowatt, Gill Campbell & Ann Clayton (20-12).

Our Indoor finals were held at the weekend, results:

Men's Singles; Winner, Andy Spiller, R/U, Malcolm Denslow.

Ladies Singles; Winner, Margaret Crompton. R/U, Ann Clayton.

David Crompton Vase; Winner, Steven Apsey. R/U, Margaret Crompton.

Men's Pairs; Winners, Alan Nabbaro & Tony Payne, R/U Brian Cursley & George Mabon.

Ladies Pairs; Winners, Gill Campbell & Margaret Crompton., R/U Philippa White & Jean Kesterton.

Ladies Invitation; Winners, Margaret Crompton & Frank Bridge, R/U Pam Hunter & Steven Apsey.

Joy Lintott Trophy; Winners Margaret Crompton & Brenda Edwards, R/U Gill Campbell & Alison Glyde

Non-winners; Winner Steven Apsey, R/U Brian Cursley.

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